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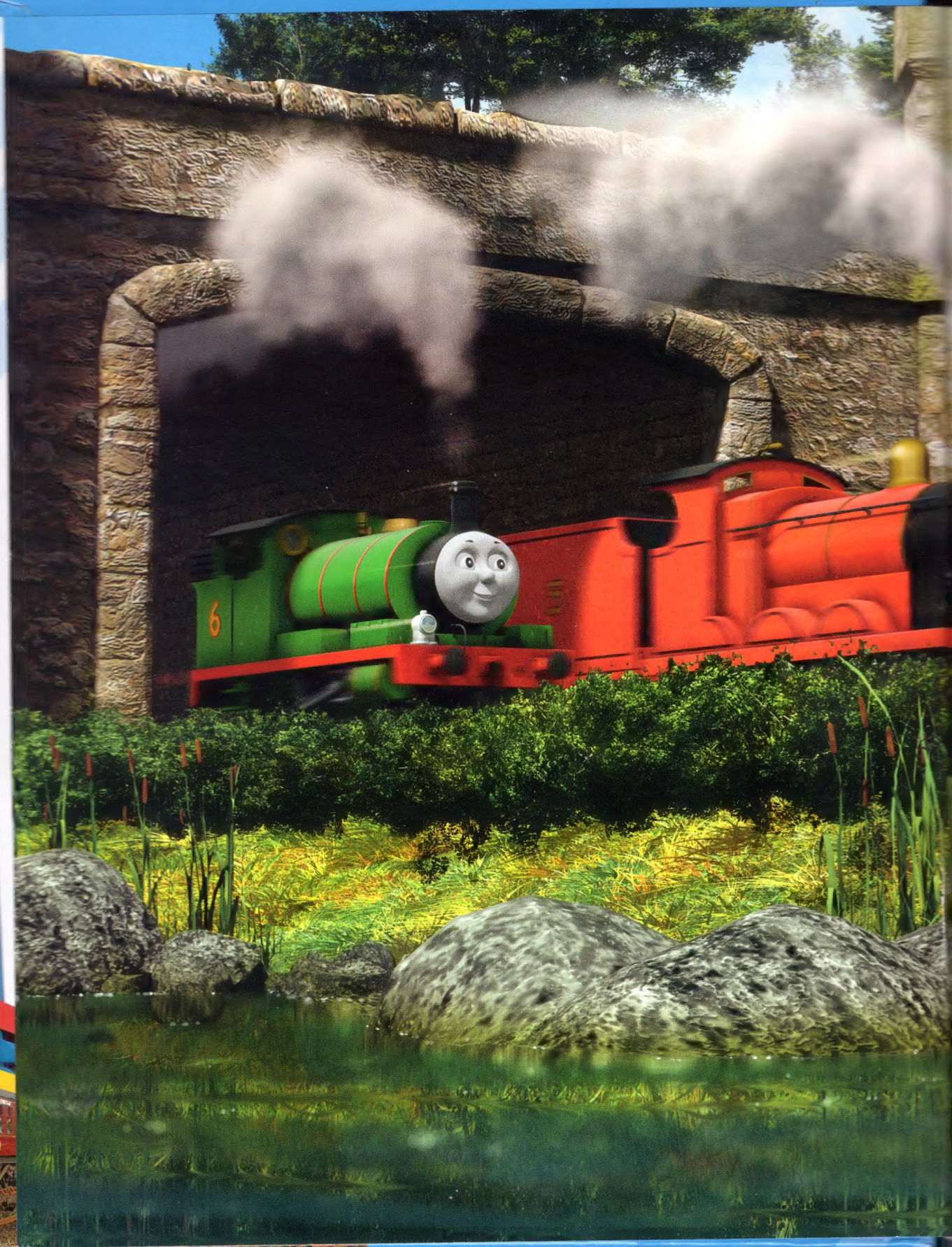
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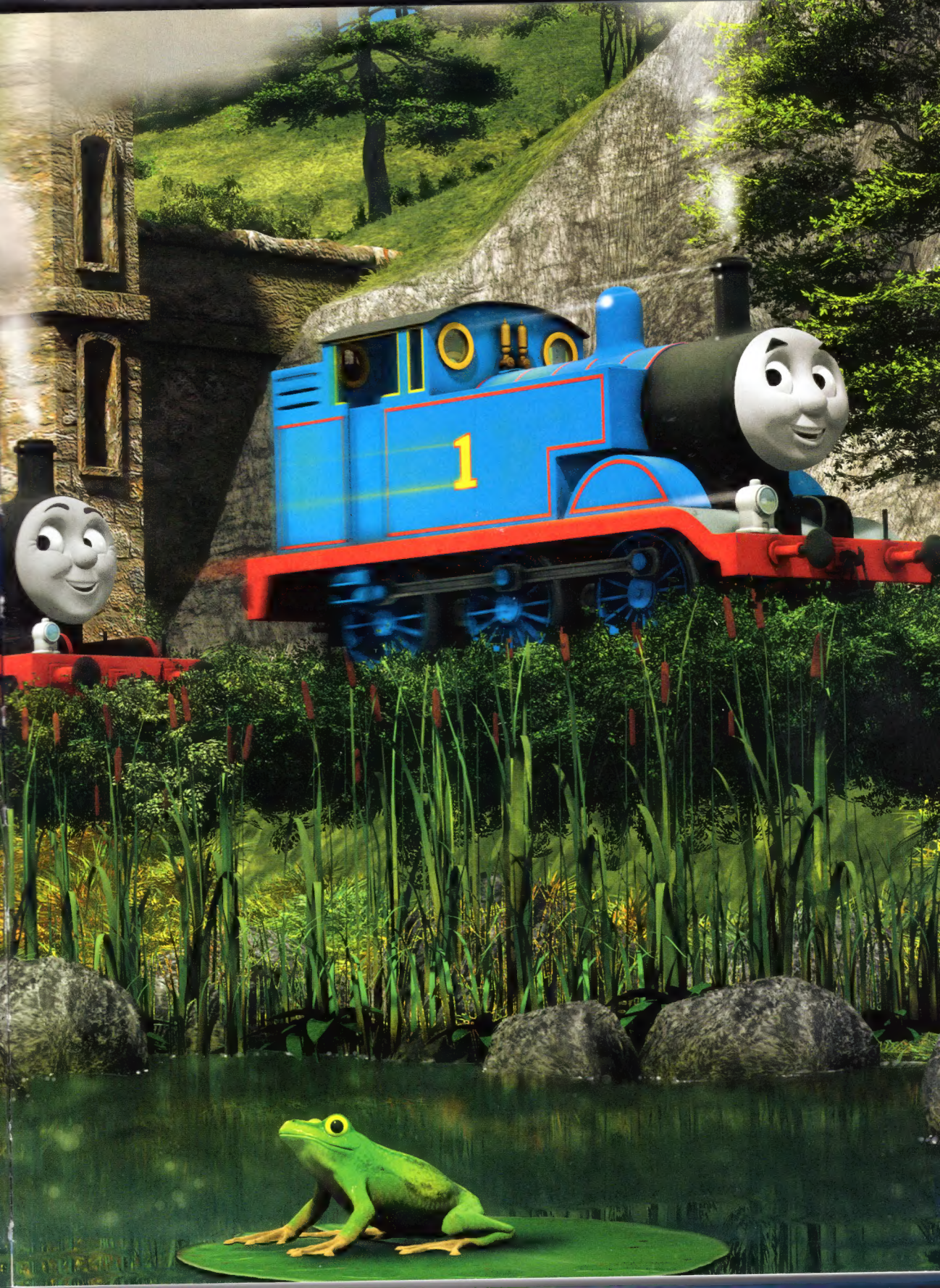
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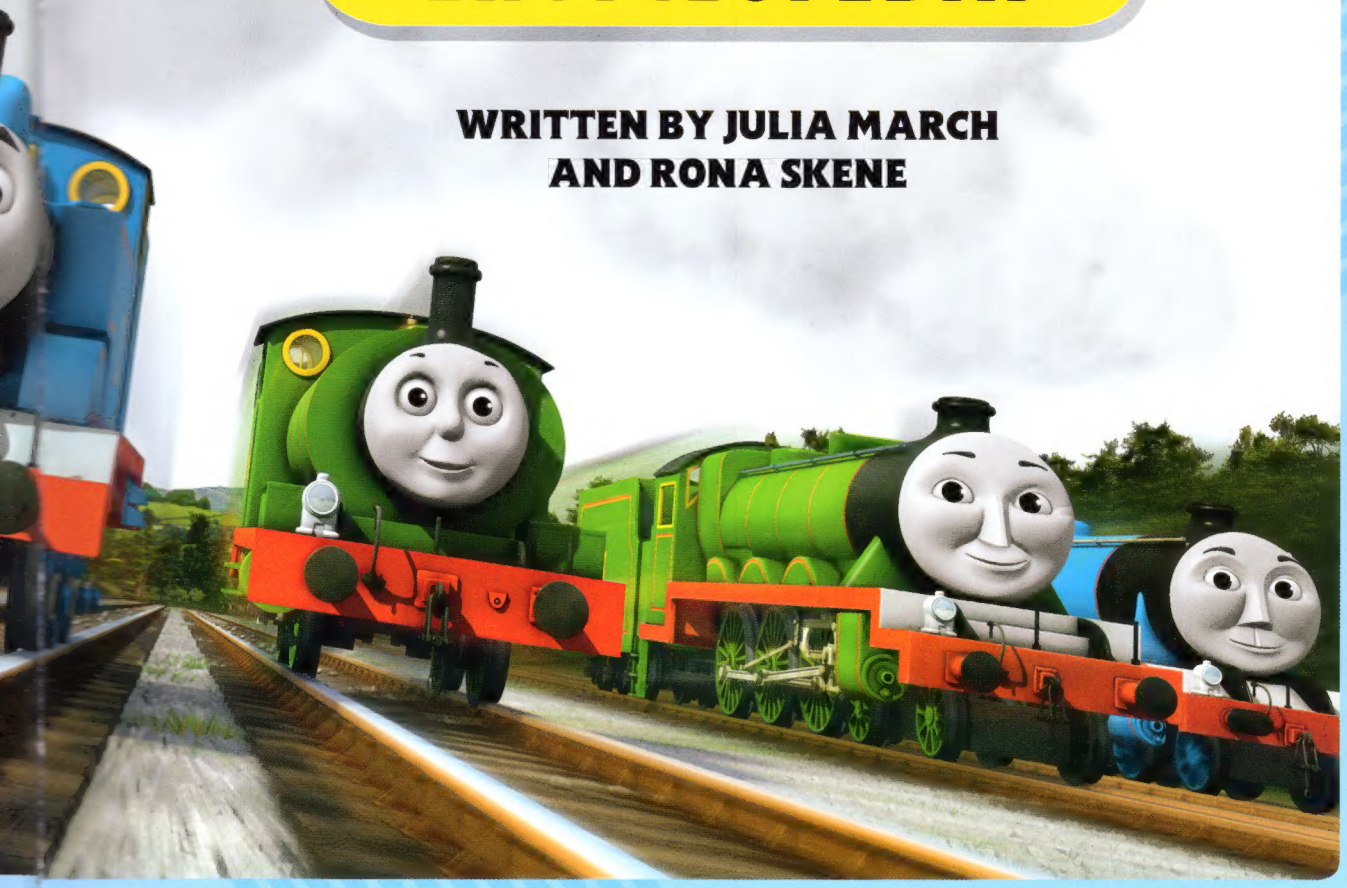

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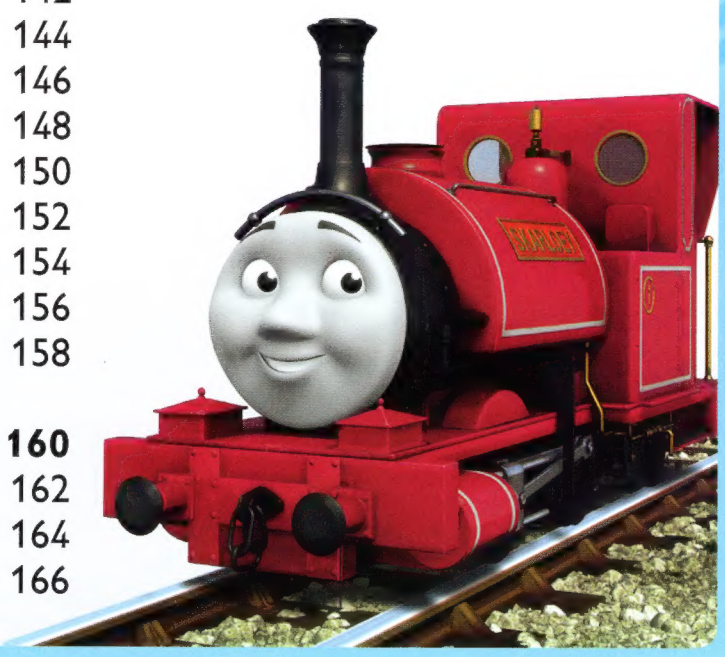

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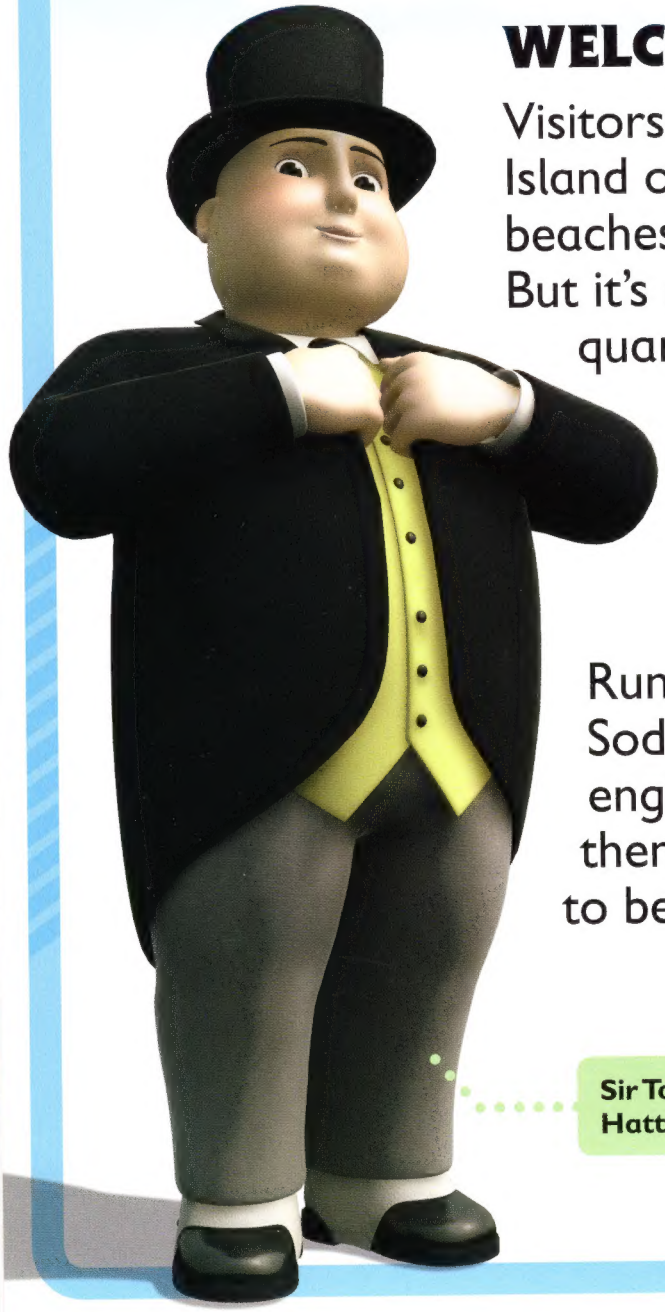


WELCOME TO SODOR!

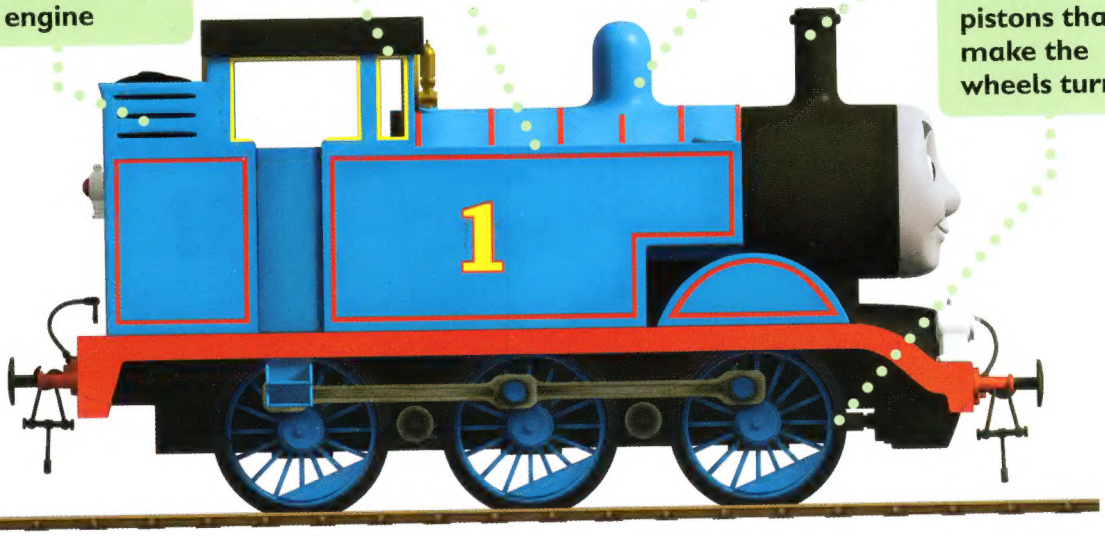
Visitors come to the beautiful Island of Sodor for its fields, beaches, mountains, and castles. But it's also a working island, with quarries, farms, mines, and docks. A busy island like this needs a trusty railway system, and that's exactly what Sodor has.

Run by Sir Topham Hatt, Sodor Railway is home to engines of all kinds. Each of them strives for just one thing: to be Really Useful.

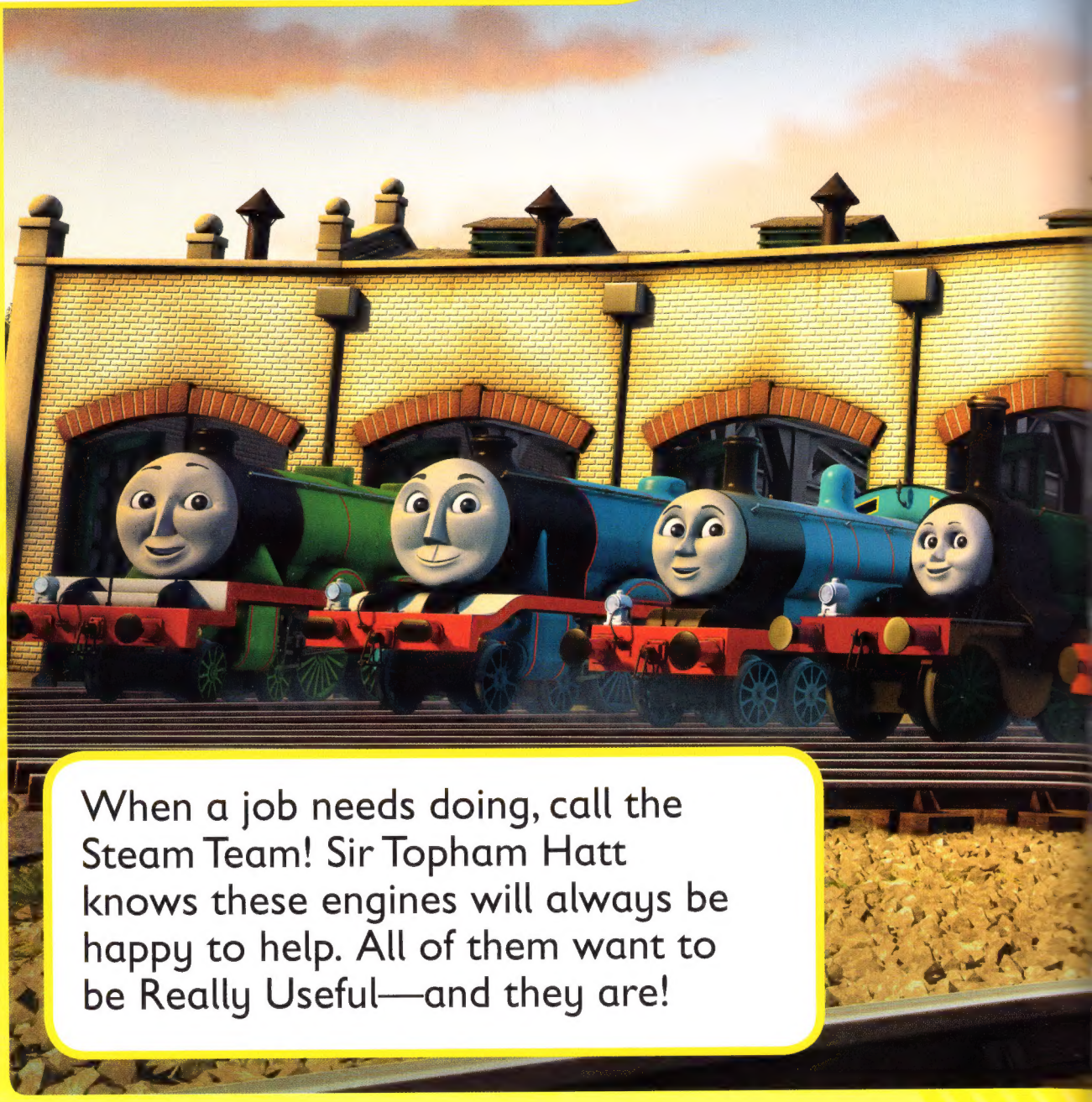
Sir Topham Hatt

STEAM ENGINES

Many of the vehicles on Sodor are steam engines, or Steamies! A steam engine burns fuel (usually coal) to turn water into hot steam. The hot steam creates pressure that makes the pistons, cylinders, and wheels start moving. Every part of the engine has a useful function.



THE STEAM TEAM



When a job needs doing, call the Steam Team! Sir Topham Hatt knows these engines will always be happy to help. All of them want to be Really Useful—and they are!

THOMAS

The Tank Engine

This cheeky little engine always tries to do his best. He may be small, but he is very brave. That is why Thomas has lots of friends!

He always wants to be a Really Useful Engine!

Proud engine
Thomas was very pleased when a happy passenger named her new baby "Thomas" after him.

"I'm the No. 1 Blue Engine!"

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas is based on an old E2-class steam engine from 100 years ago.

FACT FILE

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Works with: His faithful coaches Annie and Clarabel

Likes: Making friends

FUN FACT!
When Thomas first arrived on Sodor, he was painted green.

EDWARD

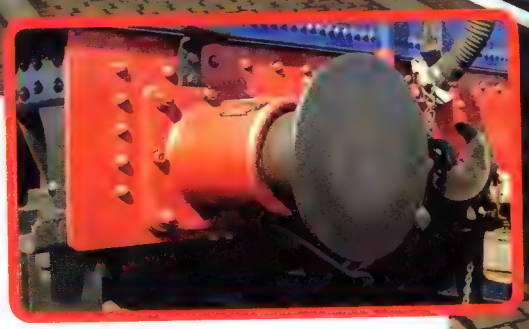
The Blue Engine

Kind Edward is friendly to everybody. Although his friends sometimes tease him about his old-fashioned ways, they always ask the No. 2 engine for help and advice.

Modest hero

Edward was proud when Sir Topham Hatt declared him a true hero for his helpful ways.

DID YOU KNOW?



Buffers are used to join an engine to a carriage. They also help engines come to a stop.

He's not the fastest engine, but he is the kindest!

FUN FACT!
Edward loves to spook other engines with his ghost stories.

Tall black funnel

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling coaches and trucks

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Pushing his friends up steep hills

Black metal buffer

HENRY

The Green Engine

Henry was always running out of puff, until a new firebox powered up his pistons. Henry is still a very cautious engine. Better safe than sorry!

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying freight trains

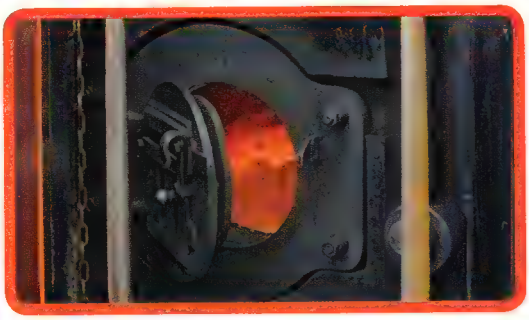
Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Pulling the Flying Kipper

“Health and safety is the way.”

Henry is nervous and very easy to spook.

DID YOU KNOW?



Henry had his firebox replaced. The firebox is the furnace in steam engines where coal is burned.

Snow worries

The "Abominable Snowman" that scared Henry was just Sir Topham Hatt, covered in snow!

Tender stores coal and water

FUN FACT!

On the Mainline, there is a tunnel named after Henry.

GORDON

The Big Engine

Gordon is the fastest and best engine on the team—or so he tells everyone! The No. 4 engine pulls the Mainline Express, a job that makes him very proud.

Tender is where the coal is kept

Spot of trouble

When Gordon appeared with red spots, Henry thought he had chicken pox. Luckily, it was only red paint!

FACT FILE

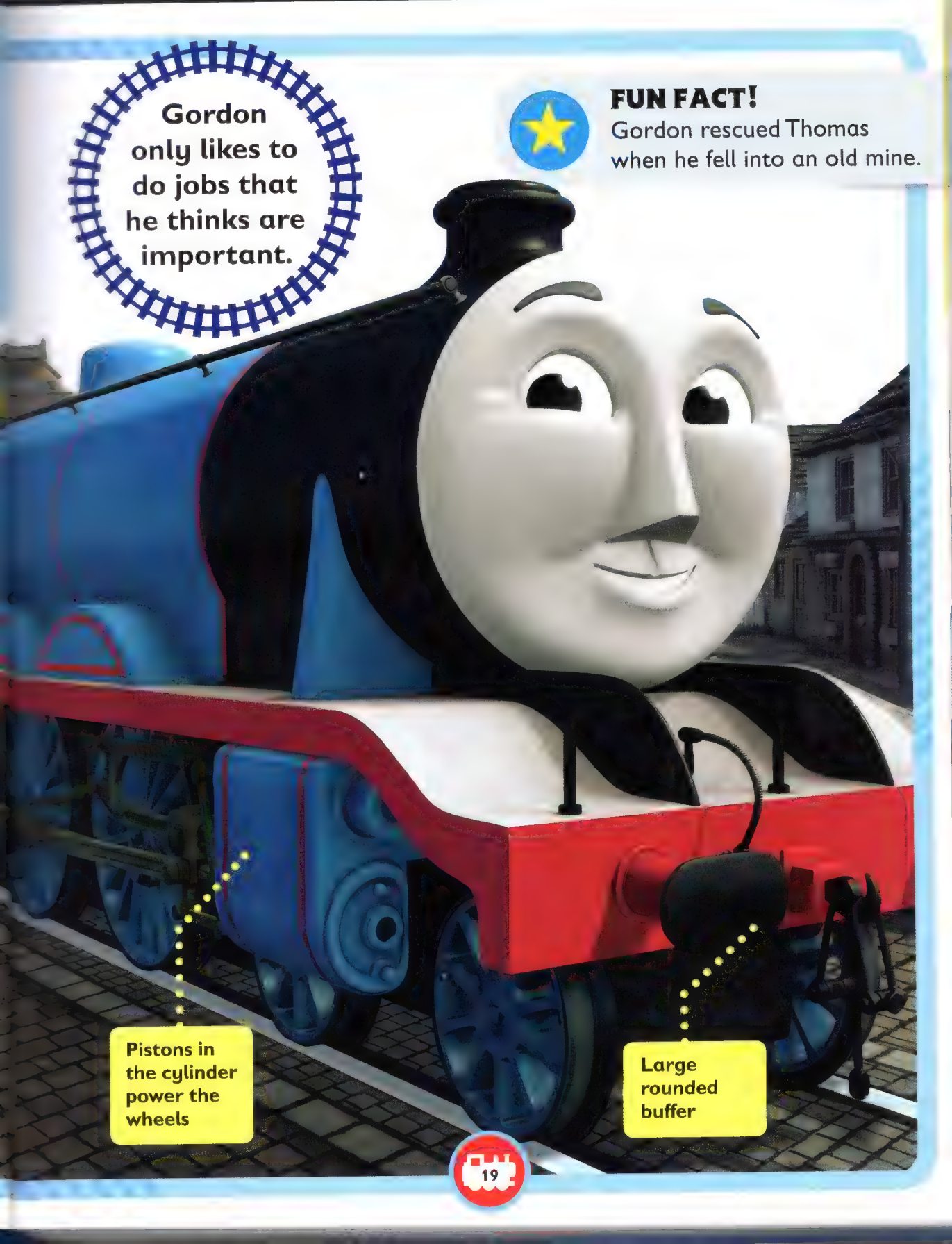
Role: Pulling the Express coaches on the Mainline

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Helping others

DID YOU KNOW?

Gordon's brother is the Flying Scotsman. It is a famously fast train.


Gordon only likes to do jobs that he thinks are important.
FUN FACT!
Gordon rescued Thomas when he fell into an old mine.
Pistons in the cylinder power the wheels
Large rounded buffer

FUN FACT!

When Gordon is away, James is allowed to pull the Express.

Shiny gold steam dome

DID YOU KNOW?

James is based on an engine from the UK's Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

JAMES

The Red Engine

James is "a Really Splendid Engine." He says so himself. This shiny Steamie may be vain, but the other engines love him anyway. The No. 5 engine is so much fun!

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling all types of coaches

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Getting a fresh coat of paint

When he is not boasting, James is a very hard worker.

Lamp irons hold lamps in place

Clean black buffers

"Mind my shiny red paintwork!"

Wet paint

On his way to pick up the Mayor, James got leaves stuck in his wet paint. He felt too scruffy to go on!

FUN FACT!
Percy learned how to be brave from his Colombian friend, Gator.

Percy's silly behavior causes him to have lots of accidents.

Coal bunker at the back

FACT FILE

Role: Delivering mail and working in mines and quarries

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Being clean

Connecting rod joins two wheels

PERCY

The Small Engine

Percy is an easy-going little guy with a kind nature that some older engines laugh at. The No. 6 engine loves pulling the Mail Train and hanging out with his best friend, Thomas.

Lost sheep

Taking sheep to a fair sounded so easy. Percy didn't expect to lose the flock on the way!

Black coupling hook

FUN FACT!
Sir Topham Hatt saved Toby from the scrap heap.

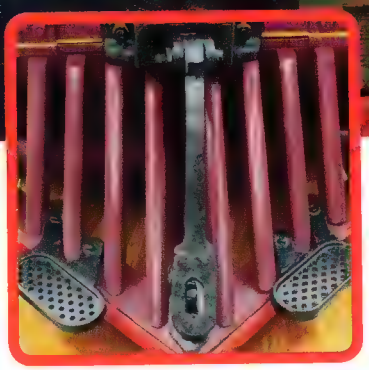
Square body made of wood

Brass bell attached to rope

Two open doors on each side

Cowcatcher is flat and rectangular

DID YOU KNOW?



Toby is fitted with a cowcatcher. It clears the tracks in front of him from obstacles.

TOBY

The Tram Engine

Toby is slow, square, and old-fashioned, but he always does a good job. This trusty tram engine works at Ffarquhar Quarry. Helpful Toby is a favorite with locals.

"creaky cowcatchers!"

Toby can run forward and backward on the tracks.

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying passengers and trucks

Works with: His coach, Henrietta

Likes: His snug little shed

Mixed signals

Knapford Junction was a scary place for Toby. It has so many confusing signals and crossing lines to look out for!

FUN FACT!

Emily competed in the Best Decorated Engine Parade.

Gold-edged funnel

Emerald-green paint

Wheels are also dark green

DID YOU KNOW?

Emily is based on an engine that traveled between London and York in the UK.

EMILY

The Stirling Single Engine

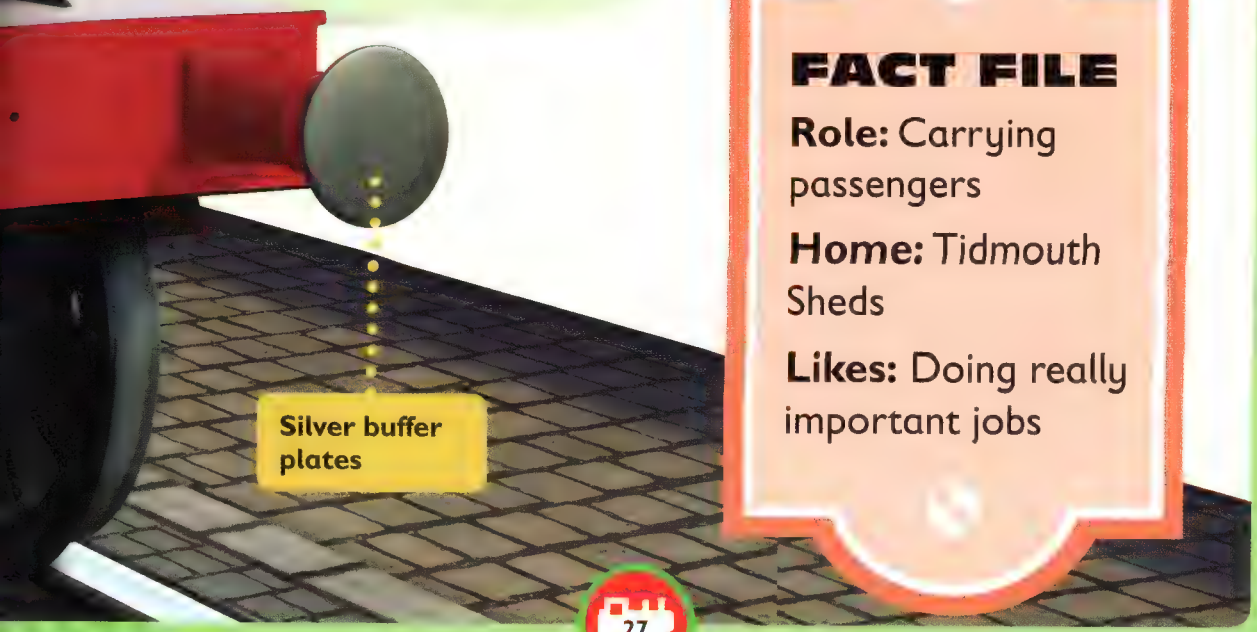
Clever Emily always wants to do an excellent job. She likes to give the other engines her good advice.

Emily's pals agree that she is kind, but a little bossy.

Global disaster

Oops! Even Emily makes mistakes. She once lost *her cargo—a huge globe.* It rolled all over Sodor.

> ***I'm always ready to help a friend!***



FACT FILE

Role: Carrying passengers

Home: Tidmouth Sheds

Likes: Doing really important jobs

SIR TOPHAM HATT

The head of Sodor Railway

Sir Topham Hatt runs the Railway. The engines like to please him by running on time. He makes every engine proud when he calls them a Really Useful Engine.

FUN FACT!

The engines always call him "Sir" to show their respect.

FACT FILE

Role: Director of Sodor Railway

Works with: All the engines

Dislikes: Confusion and delay!

Lady Hatt

Sir Topham's wife, Jane, loves visiting the Railway and all the engines. They once threw her a special birthday party.

"You are a Really Useful Engine!"

Top hat

Sir Topham has 52 hats—one for each week of the year.

Black tailcoat

Sun hat

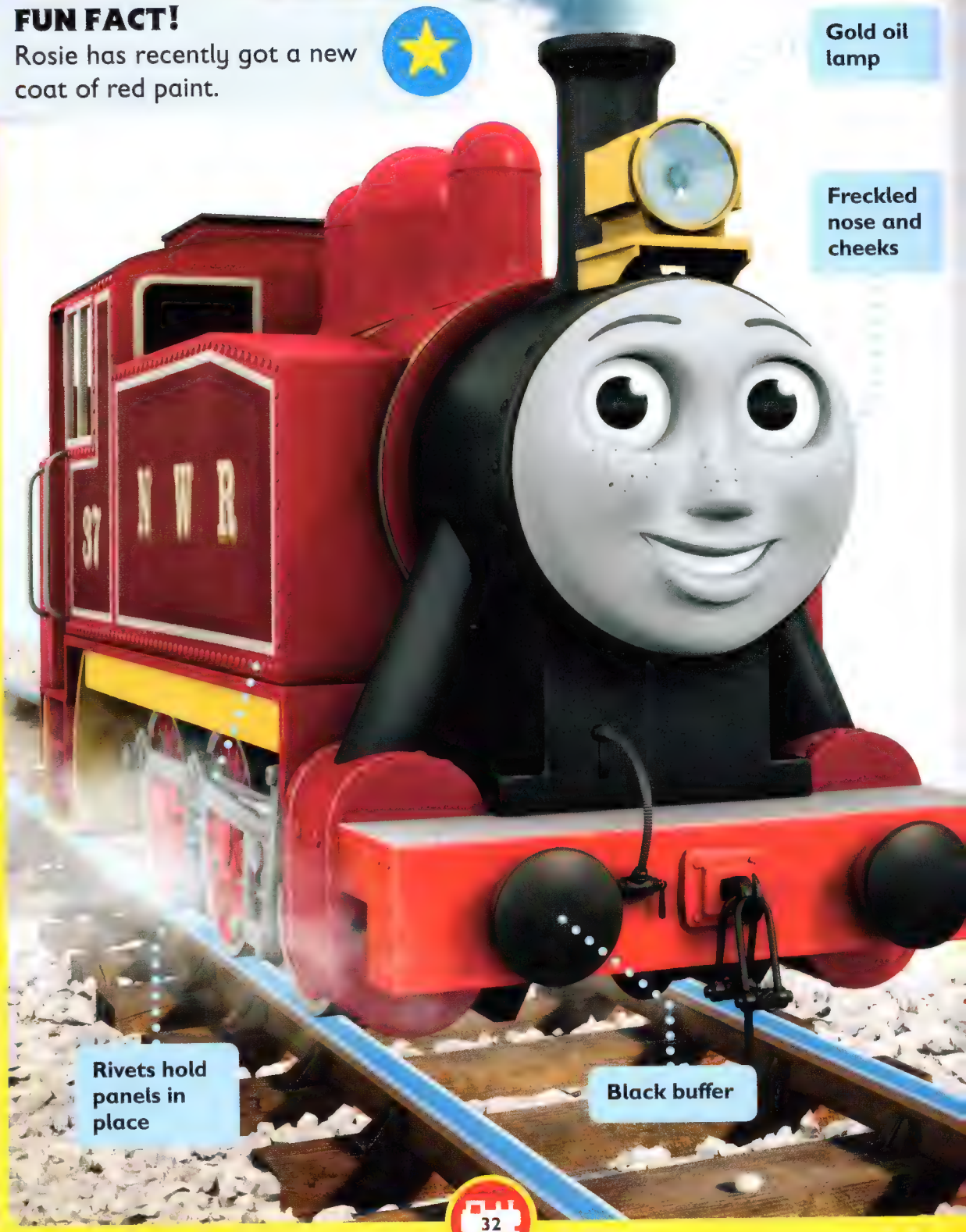
On sunny days, Sir Topham Hatt changes into a cool Hawaiian shirt. He still wears his usual top hat!

White spats over shiny black shoes

SODOR STEAM ENGINES

There is always lots of work to do on Sodor! Luckily there are many Steamies on hand to help. These engines all burn coal to make steam. That gives them the power they need to get the job done!

FUN FACT!
Rosie has recently got a new coat of red paint.



ROSIE

Friendly young engine

Rosie is an energetic, fun, and free-spirited tank engine! She works as a shunting and mixed-traffic engine. She loves to race just as much as she loves to be Really Useful.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting and mixed-traffic engine

Works with: Anyone in the Yards

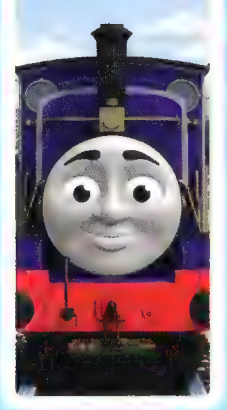
Likes: Having fun with friends

Racing reds

Rosie loves her new red paint, but James is not a fan. He worries he will no longer be the fastest red engine.

"I know just what to do!"

The letters on Rosie's side stand for the North Western Railway.



CHARLIE

Cheerful, cheeky little engine

When Charlie joins the team, he wants everyone to join in his pranks. He soon learns that being Really Useful is as much fun as joking around.

“Everybody says I'm the most fun engine ever!”

Jumbo joker

When Charlie said he saw an elephant, everyone thought it was just one of his jokes. He was actually telling the truth!

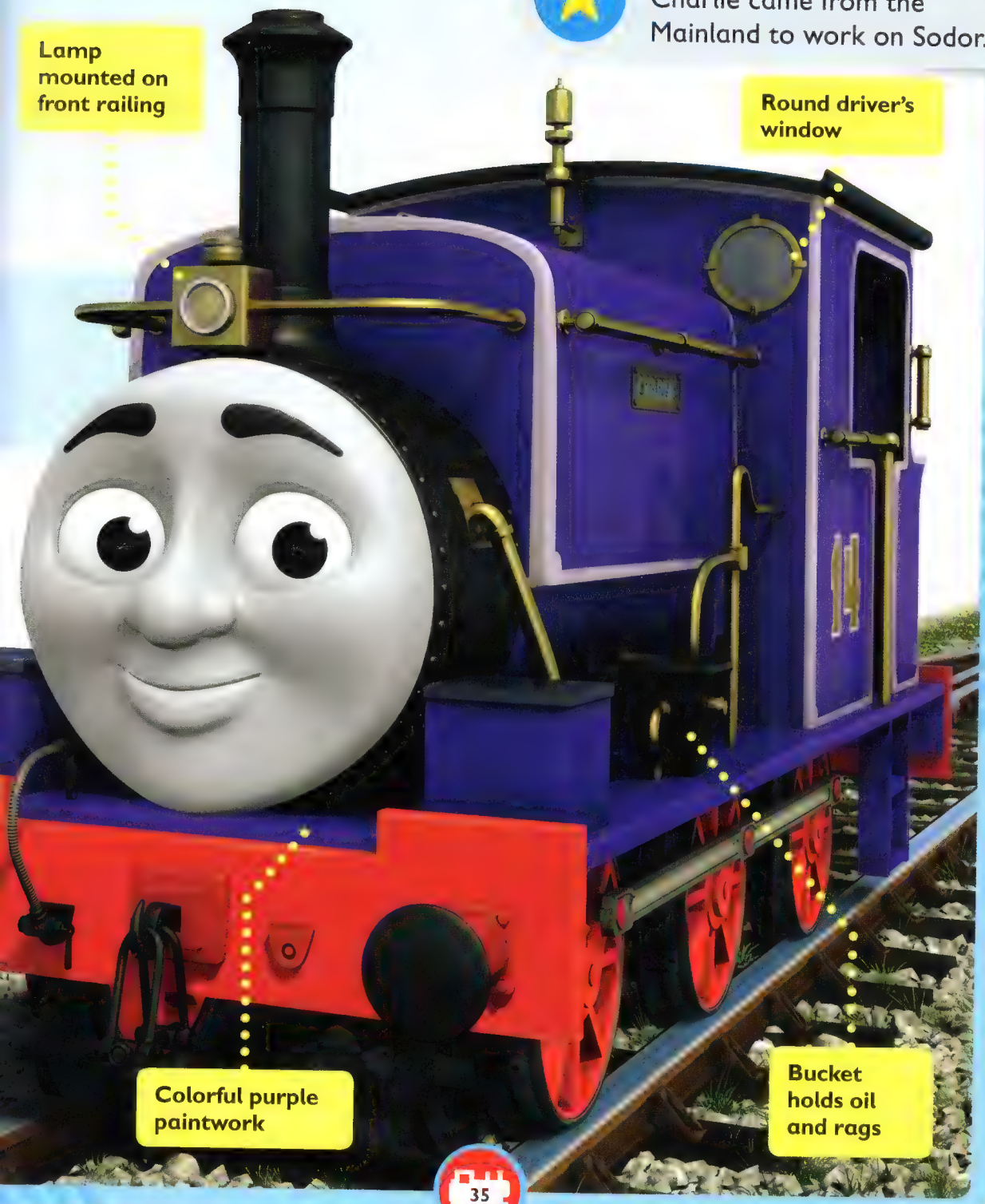
Charlie is famously fun, which made Thomas a bit jealous.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting in the Yards

Home: Knapford Yards

Likes: Telling jokes and racing Thomas



FUN FACT!
Charlie came from the Mainland to work on Sodor.

ARLESDALE ENGINES

Engines on the Small Railway

These three tiny friends ride the Small Railway that runs from Arlesburgh to Arlesdale.

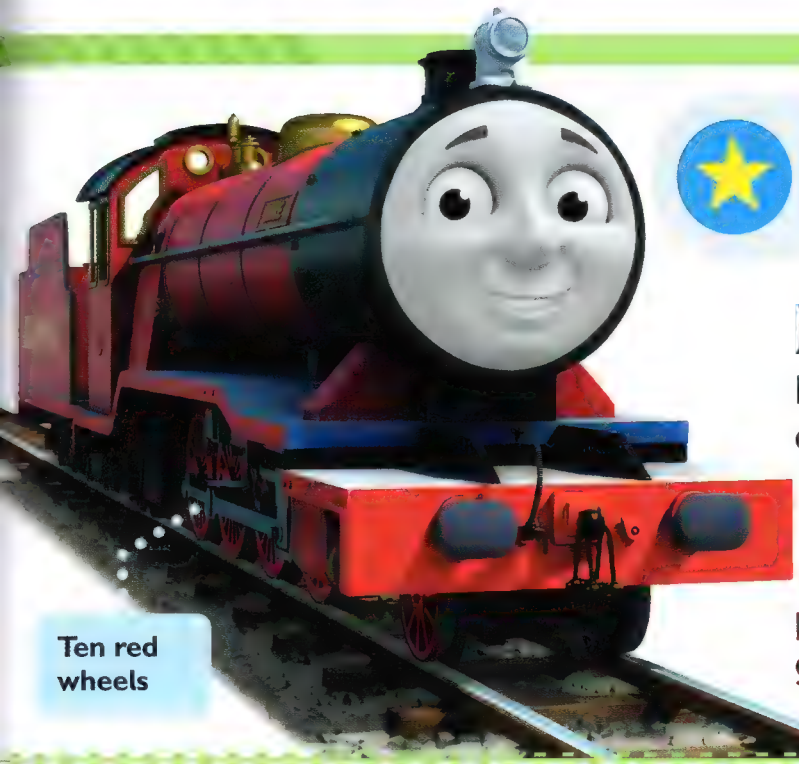
The Small Railway is three times narrower than a standard track.

BERT

The only thing that ruffles Bert is lack of respect. When a car sprayed mud on him, Bert blasted steam into the trees above. This made water fall on the car's driver!

Shiny steam dome

"Arlesdale" painted on side



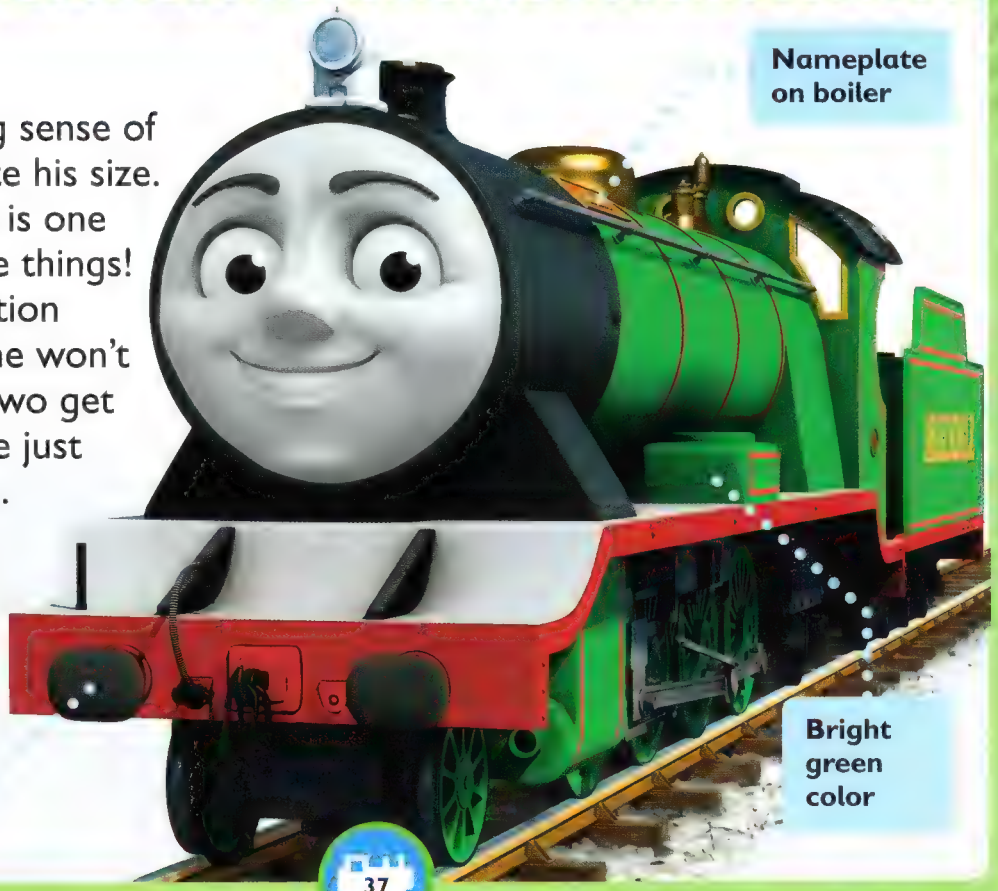
FUN FACT!
Mike once blew his whistle so hard that it flew off.

MIKE

Mike sometimes acts as if he is the leader of the Arlesdale Engines. Moody Mike would rather pull goods than passengers. Goods don't grumble about delays!

REX

Rex has a big sense of humor despite his size. Teasing Mike is one of his favorite things! Rex has traction trouble, but he won't let a slip or two get him down. He just keeps smiling.



BELLE

Sodor's speediest fire engine

Big, brave Belle saves the day when fire threatens. Her powerful water cannons can put out any blaze in a second or two.

Don't be alarmed! Belle is a loud engine, but she is very nice.

Saved by the Belle

Belle is first on the scene when fire erupts. Her fellow fire engine Flynn is not far behind her.

"Sodor engines are all heroes to me!"

FACT FILE

Role: Fire engine

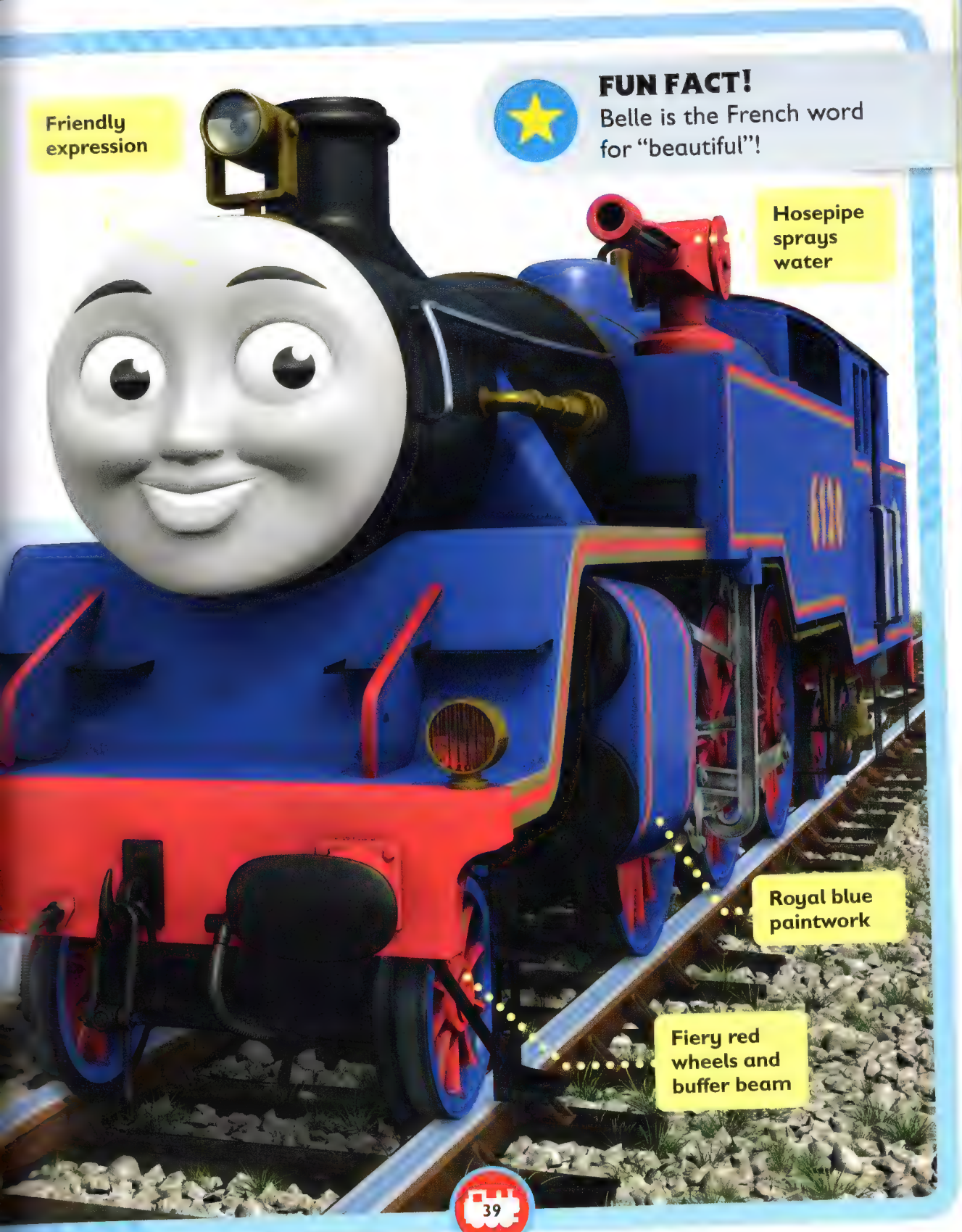
Home: Sodor Search and Rescue Center

Works with: Flynn

Likes: Boosting Flynn's confidence

DID YOU KNOW?

Belle is based on a large British steam engine but with added hosepipes to help her fight fire.



FUN FACT!
Belle is the French word for "beautiful"!

DUCK

The Pannier Tank Engine

Everyone loves Duck! He is loyal, brave, kind, and rarely makes a fuss. Duck's work ethic has earned him a great honor—his very own Branch Line.

Wide water tanks

Lamp on his right side

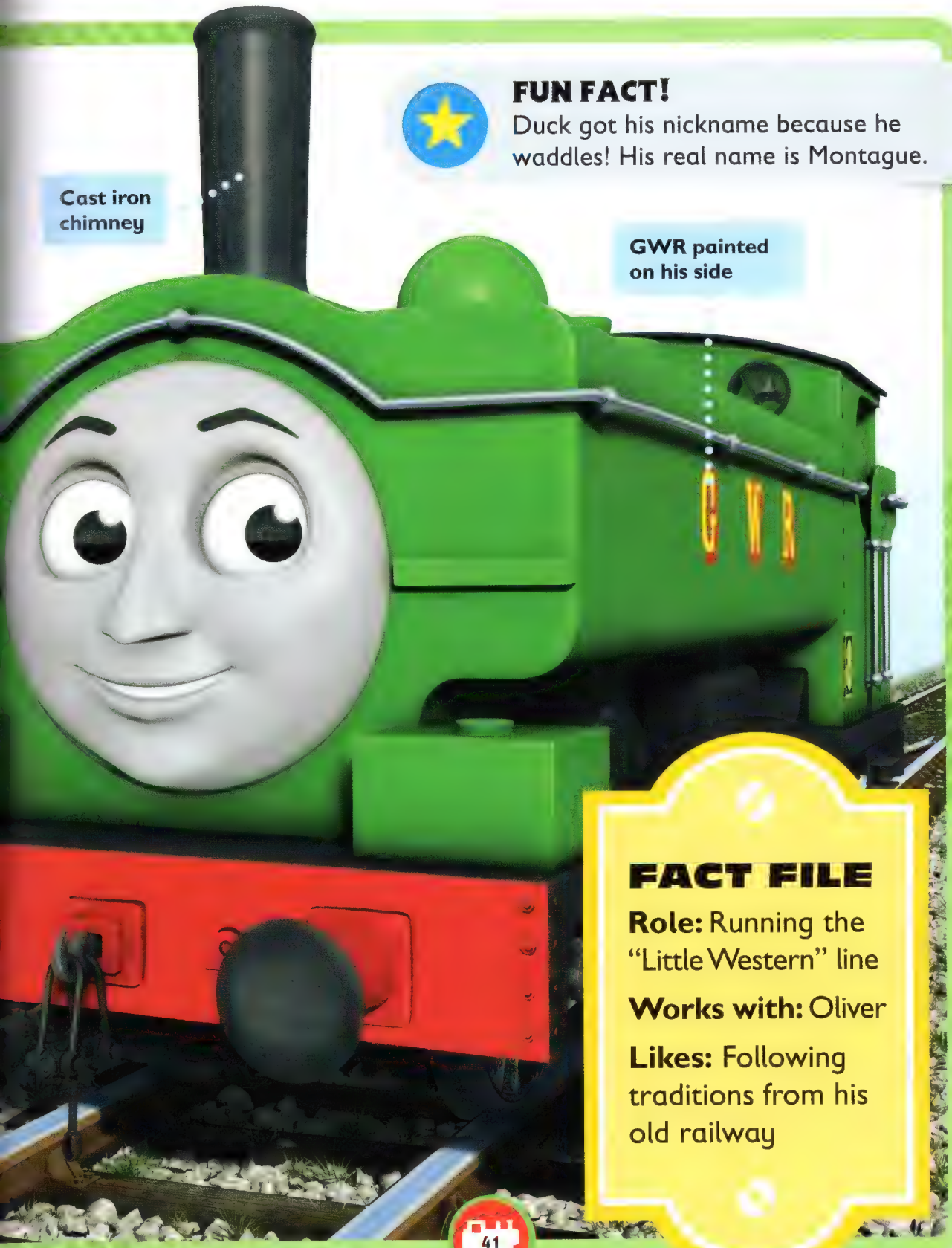
Flooded track

Duck got stuck in water when the track flooded. He had to watch real ducks to pass the time.

Duck used to work on the Great Western Railway.

DID YOU KNOW?

Duck is a pannier tank engine. This means he has water tanks on either side of his boiler.



FUN FACT!

Duck got his nickname because he waddles! His real name is Montague.

FACT FILE

Role: Running the "Little Western" line

Works with: Oliver

Likes: Following traditions from his old railway

DONALD AND DOUGLAS

The Twin Engines

The Scottish No. 9 and No. 10 engines love pretending to be each other. They think it is funny when the other engines get confused.

Solo in the snow

After the twins argued, Donald puffed off in a huff. Douglas was left stranded in the snow, feeling cold and very lonely.

Douglas' face is identical to his twin's

Six black wheels

DID YOU KNOW?

The twins are based on a Caledonian Railway 812, a Scottish class.

FACT FILE

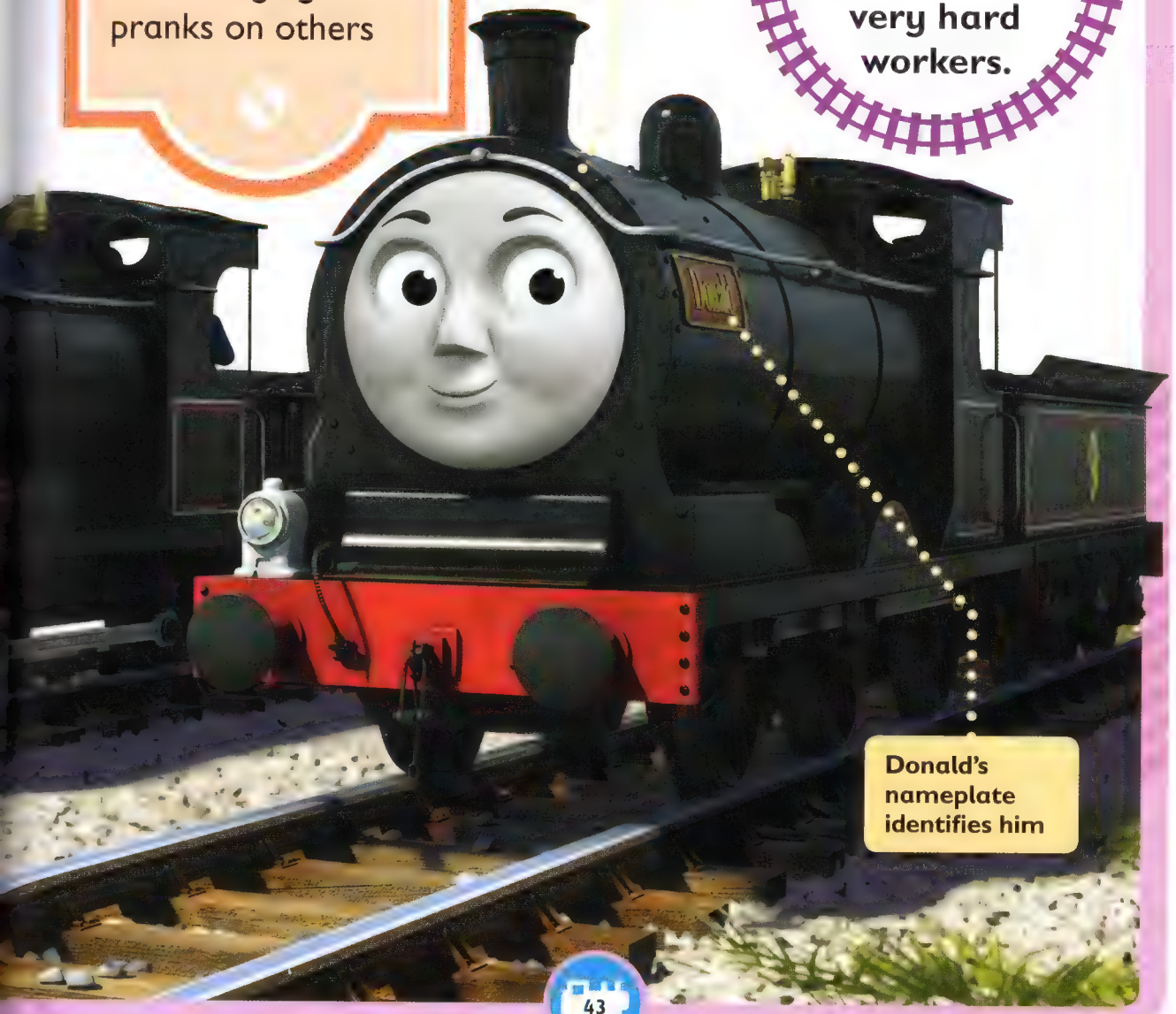
Role: Goods engines

Work with: Each other

Like: Playing pranks on others

FUN FACT!
Sir Topham Hatt only ordered one engine, but two arrived!

The twins are jokers. They are also very hard workers.



FUN FACT!

Bill and Ben's teasing name for Porter is "Bumpy Boiler."

Steam dome in center

End domes hold sand to sprinkle on slippery tracks

Bell sits behind funnel

Porter has a dimple in his chin

DID YOU KNOW?

Porter is based on an American engine that was used in docks on the East Coast.

PORTER

Helpful dockside engine

Porter came to work at Brendam Docks while Salty was away for repairs. He turned out to be such a useful engine that he stayed on and became one of the team.

"I'm proud of my three domes. They're what make me special!"

Porter ignores what others say about his unusual looks.

FACT FILE

Role: Moving trucks and freight

Home: Brendam Docks

Likes: Listening to Salty's stories

Porter's base

Brendam Docks is the busiest dockyard on Sodor. Goods arrive here on ships from all over the world.

CHINA CLAY PIT ENGINES

Sodor's clay pit companions

The engines of the Sodor China Clay Company dig clay and carry it to Brendam Docks. They have the stickiest job on Sodor!

FUN FACT!
Clay is used to make plates, paint, paper, and more.

Bill was once painted blue to try and stop the pair's sneaky pranks.

BILL AND BEN

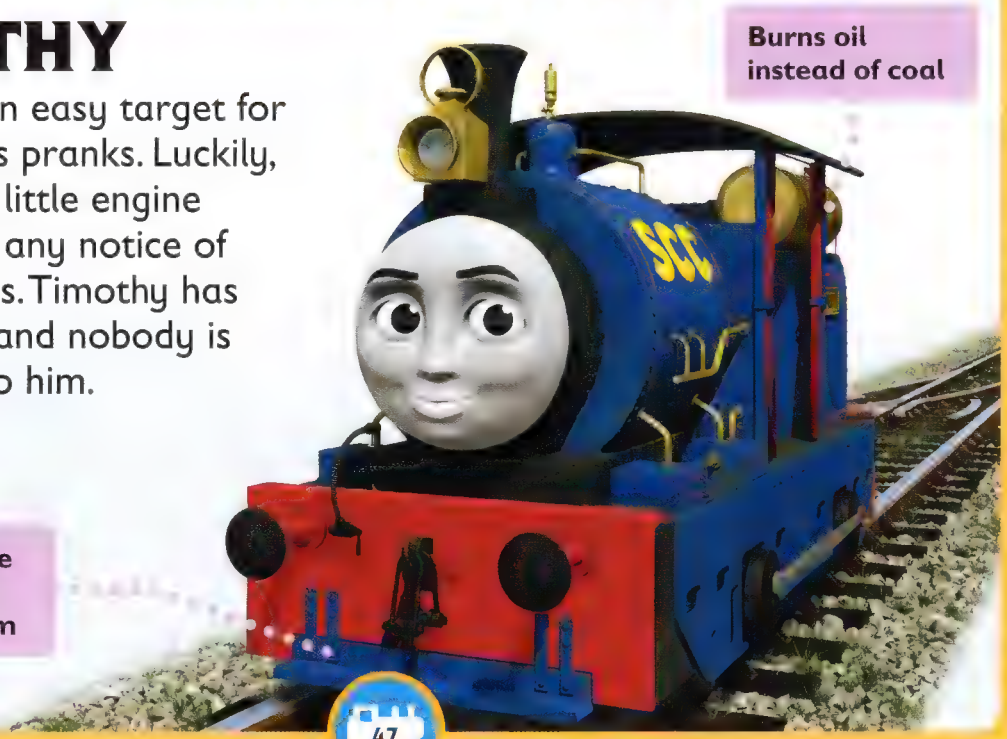
These identical twins play tricks on other engines, but they are Really Useful, too. They can easily fit under low bridges that taller engines can't.

MARION

Big, cheerful Marion is a friendly steam shovel. She loves digging and talking about digging. Sometimes Marion finds more than clay in her shovel. Once, she found dinosaur bones!

TIMOTHY

Timothy is an easy target for Bill and Ben's pranks. Luckily, this cheerful little engine doesn't take any notice of the silly twins. Timothy has work to do, and nobody is going to stop him.



FUN FACT!

Victor is painted red, because it was the first English word he learned.

Well-maintained lamp

Sodor Steamworks logo

DID YOU KNOW?

Lamps help drivers see inside dark tunnels. They are also used at night or in fog.

VICTOR

Manager of the Steamworks

This cool Cuban used to work in a sugar mill. Now he repairs ailing steam engines and supervises Kevin, too. Both these jobs take patience—and a sense of humor!

Sinking feeling

Victor arrived in Sodor on a ship. Accidentally knocked into the sea by Luke, Victor turned rusty underwater and had to be repainted.

"I'll have you fixed up in no time!"

Victor is a Narrow Gauge Engine and has special tracks to use at the *Steamworks.*

FACT FILE

Role: Repairing steam engines

Works with: His assistant, Kevin

Likes: Securing a *hard-to-find part*

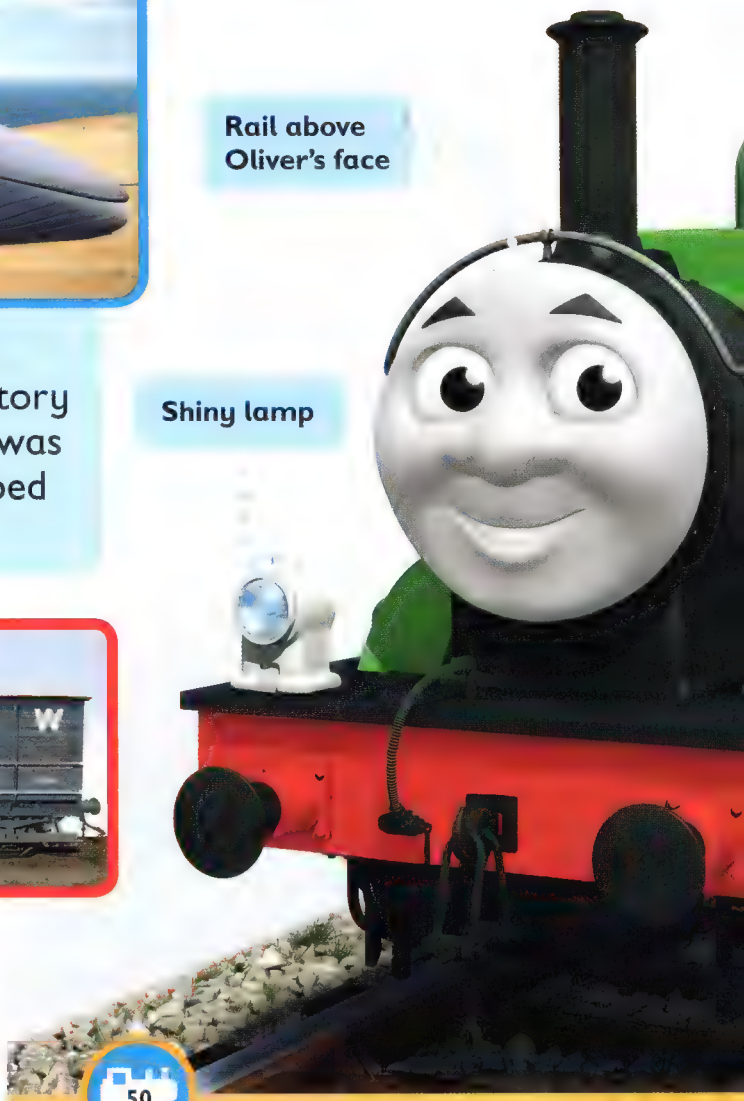
OLIVER AND TOAD

The escaping engines

Oliver is a tank engine and Toad is his loyal brake van. The two pals escaped to Sodor from a scrapyard on the Mainland.

Toad's whale tale

Oliver didn't believe Toad's story about a beached whale. He was soon proven wrong and helped Toad to save the whale.



DID YOU KNOW?

Toad is a wooden brake van with an open section called a veranda.

FACT FILE

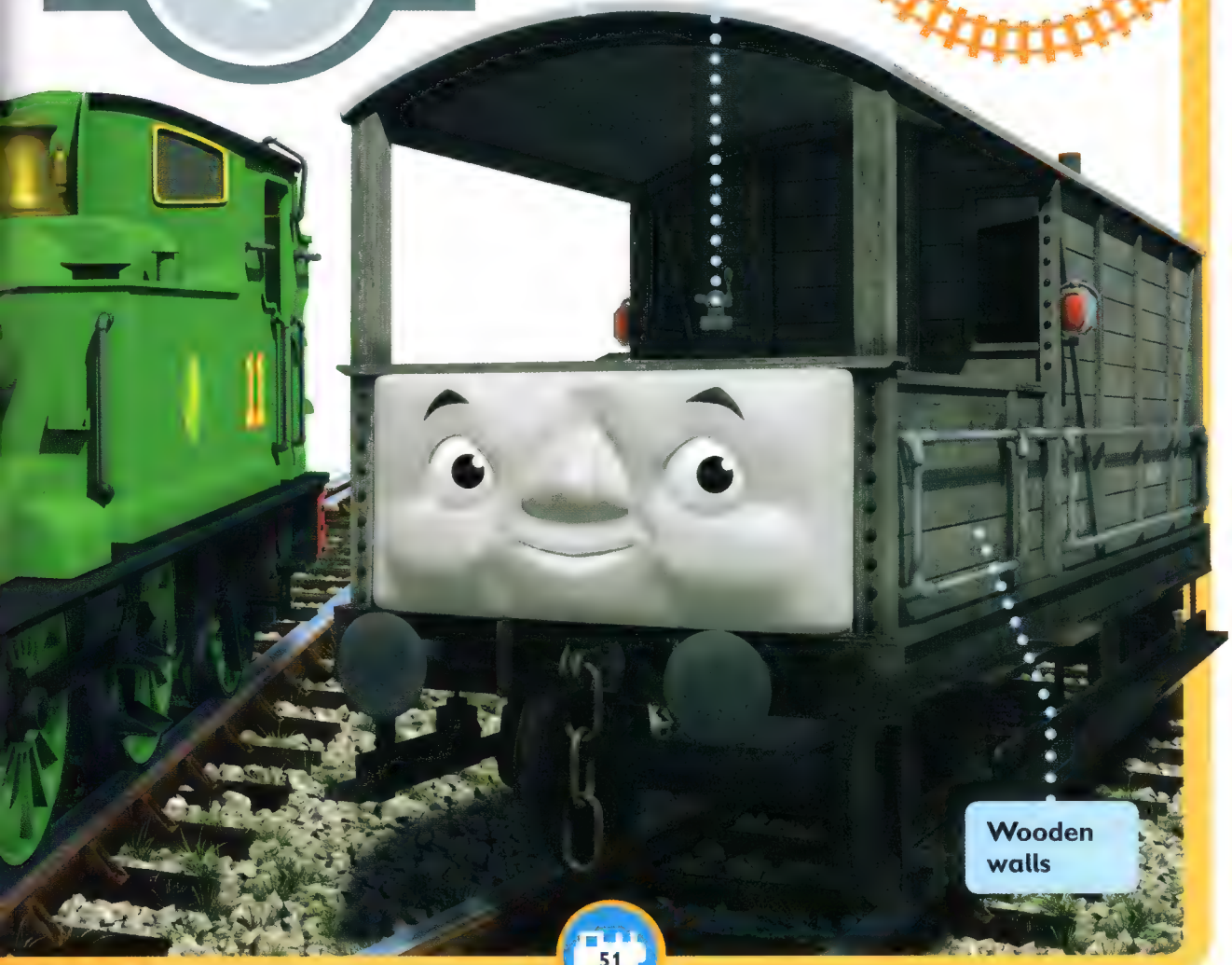
Home: Little Western Branch Line

Work with: Each other

Like: Being safe from the scrap heap

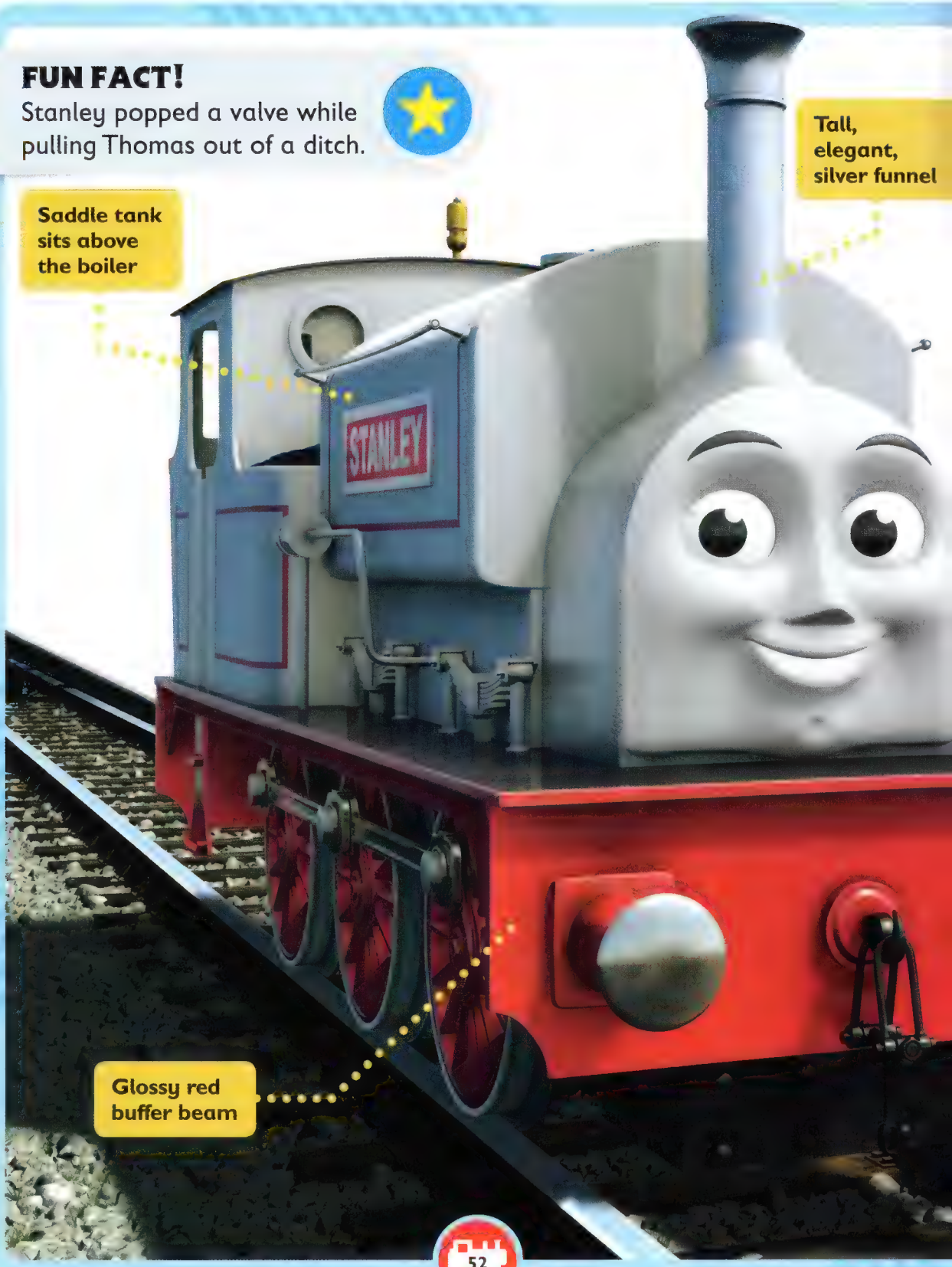
FUN FACT!
Douglas helped the duo escape from the Scrap Yard.

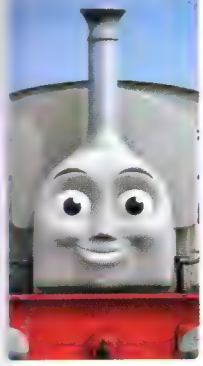
Toad is very respectful, but Oliver can be a little boastful!



FUN FACT!

Stanley popped a valve while pulling Thomas out of a ditch.





STANLEY

The new kid on the tracks

Stanley is a friendly, fun steam engine who is newer than Thomas. His popularity made Thomas jealous at first, but now they are good friends.

FACT FILE

Role: Helping out other engines

Best friend: Everyone!

Likes: Pranks (but not if they're mean)

Stanley always goes out of his way to help other engines.

No party

A faulty firebox meant that Stanley couldn't go to the children's holiday party. That wasn't fun!

"clickety clack! Trickety track!"

SPENCER

The snooty silver express engine

Spencer is the private engine of the Duke and Duchess of Boxford. Strong, shiny, and fast, Spencer is high and mighty too. When he visits Sodor, he expects star treatment.

Saying sorry
Although he didn't want to, Spencer had to apologize to a VIP after ruining his journey.

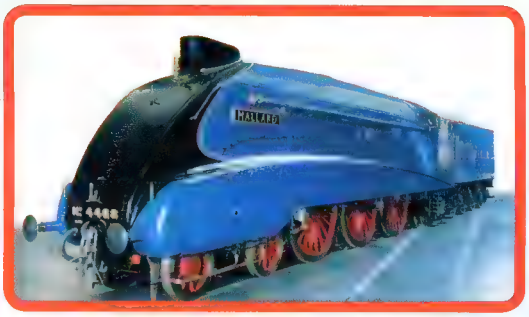
FACT FILE

Role: Carrying the Duke and Duchess

Home: The Boxfords' summerhouse

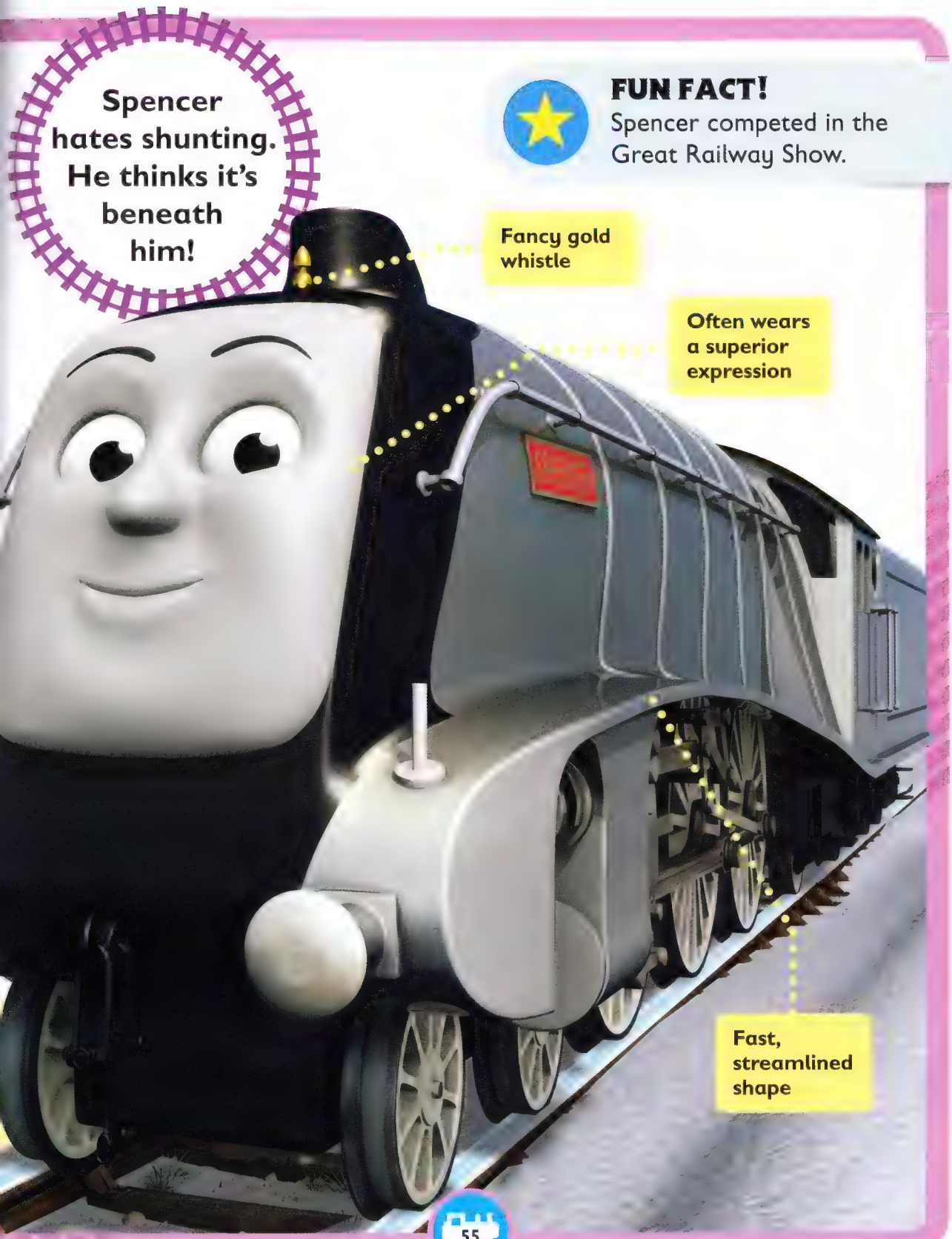
Likes: Being respected

DID YOU KNOW?



Spencer is based on an LNER Class A4 Pacific just like his famous brother, Mallard.

"Out of my way, please!"



FUN FACT!
Spencer competed in the Great Railway Show.

HARVEY

The clean-up crane engine

Harvey has a huge curved crane. His crane makes him stand out, but it also makes him Really Useful. He uses it to pick up the pieces left after railway mishaps.

Harvey the hero

When a fallen branch—and the railboat, Skiff—blocked the tracks, Harvey came and hoisted them off in no time.

FACT FILE

Role: Cleaning up, building, pulling coaches and cranes

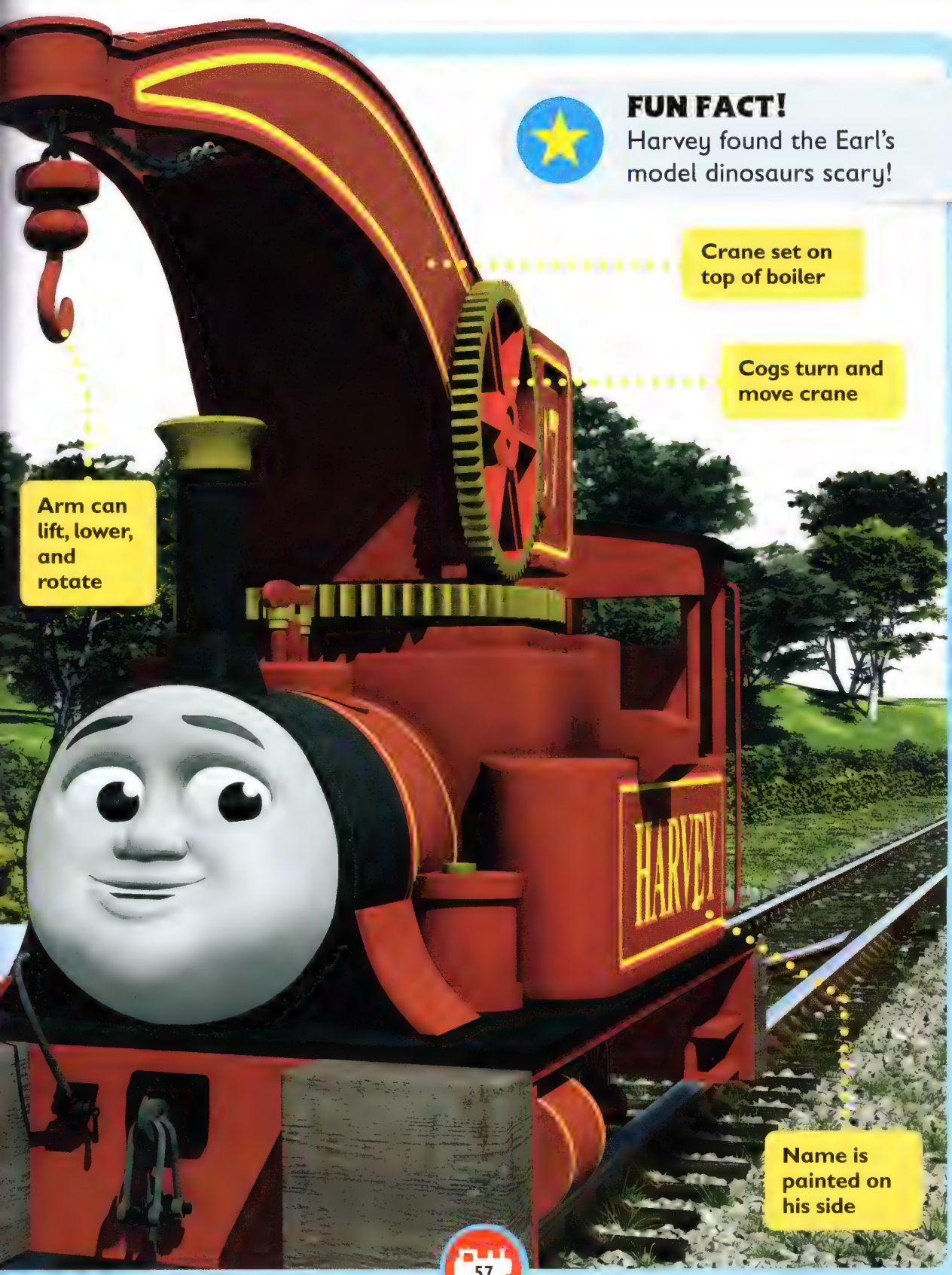
Home: Anywhere he is needed

Likes: Being tidy

Harvey is strong and he is sensitive.

"I'm not just an engine. I'm a crane, too!"

Big, square wooden buffers



FUN FACT!
Harvey found the Earl's model dinosaurs scary!

Crane set on top of boiler

Cogs turn and move crane

Arm can lift, lower, and rotate

Name is painted on his side

RYAN

The helpful purple engine

Ryan carries freight on the Branch Lines. He's very eager and hugely helpful. Sometimes that means Ryan does more than his share of the work.

Early riser

Kind-hearted Ryan got up before sunrise to do Daisy's work. She stayed asleep!

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling freight trucks

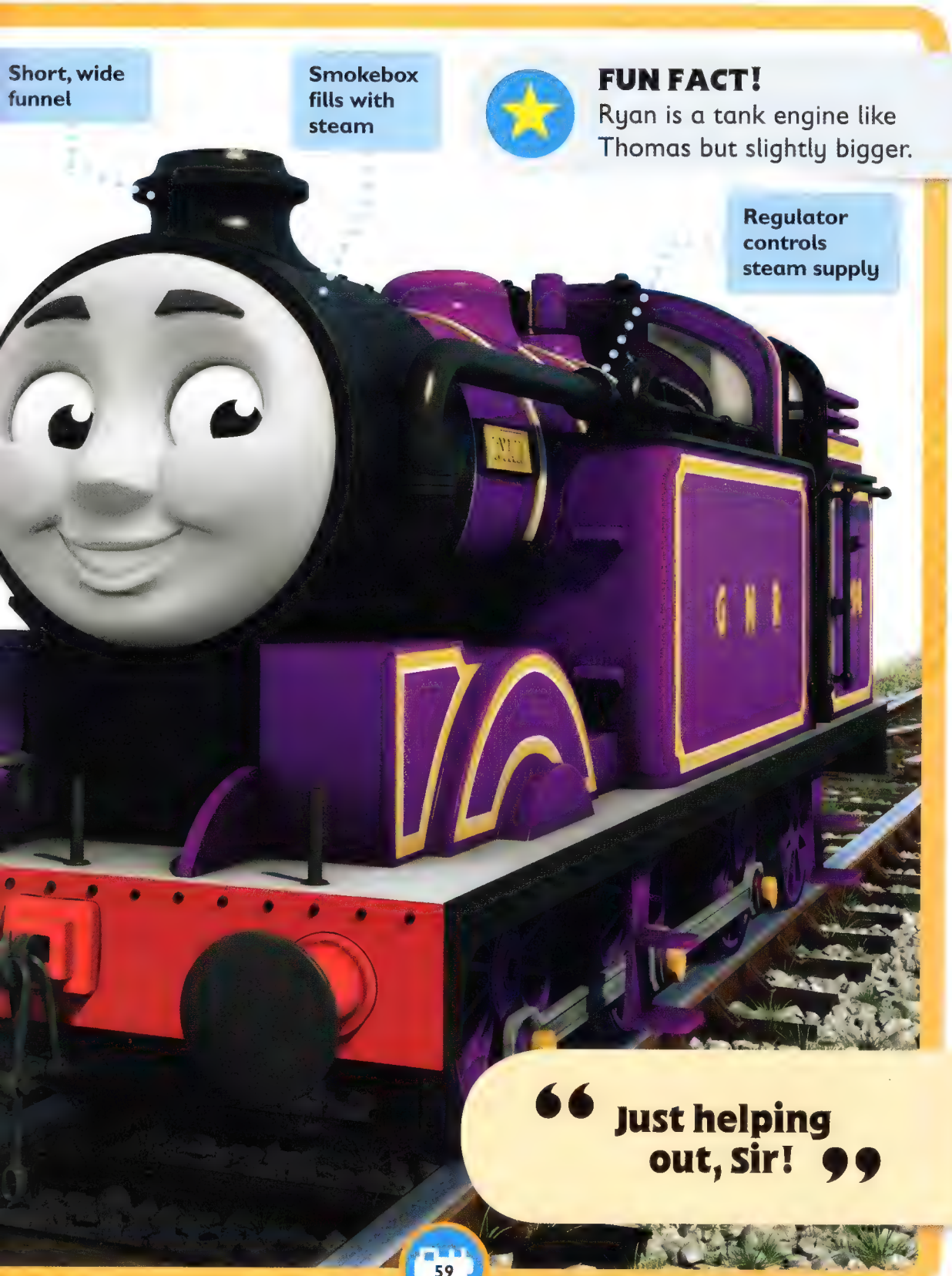
Home: Harwick Branch Line

Likes: Helping his friends

DID YOU KNOW?

Excess smoke and steam that is not needed is passed out through the engine's funnel.

Ryan always goes above and beyond to help others.



FUN FACT!
Ryan is a tank engine like Thomas but slightly bigger.

ULFSTEAD ENGINES

Engines to the Earl

These engines work at Ulfstead Castle, high up on a mountain. They are proud to work for the Earl of Sodor.

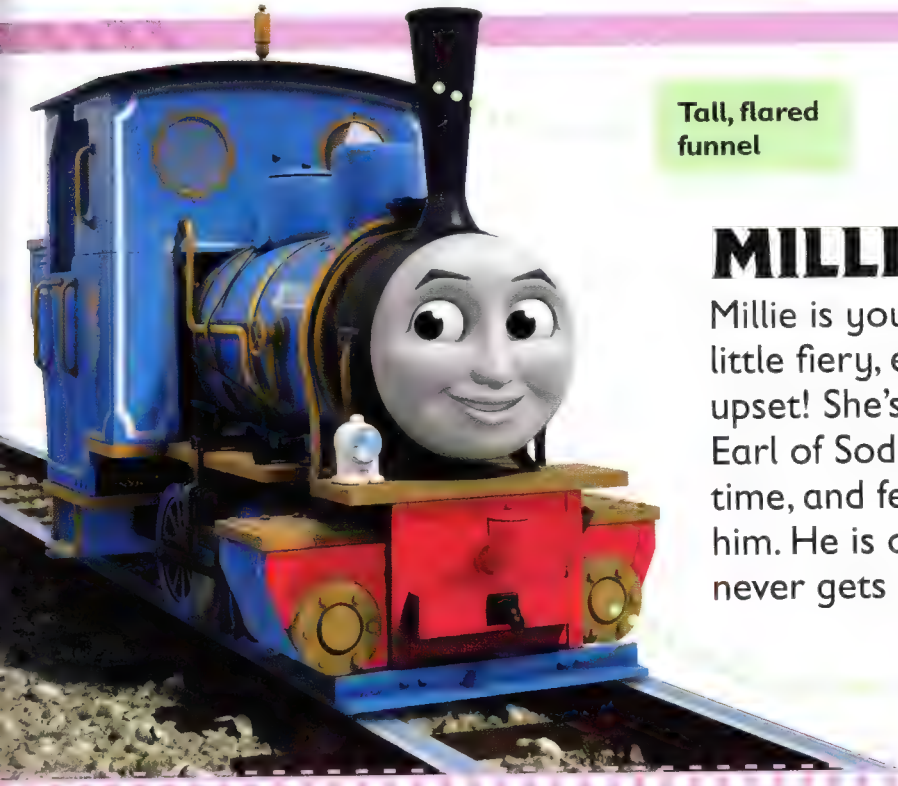
FUN FACT!
When Stephen was new, most trains were pulled by horses.

STEPHEN

At nearly 200 years old, Stephen is still Really Useful. This friendly, funny, old engine gives tours of Ulfstead Castle, where visitors know him by his nickname: "The Rocket."

Wooden buffer beam

Water barrel at the rear



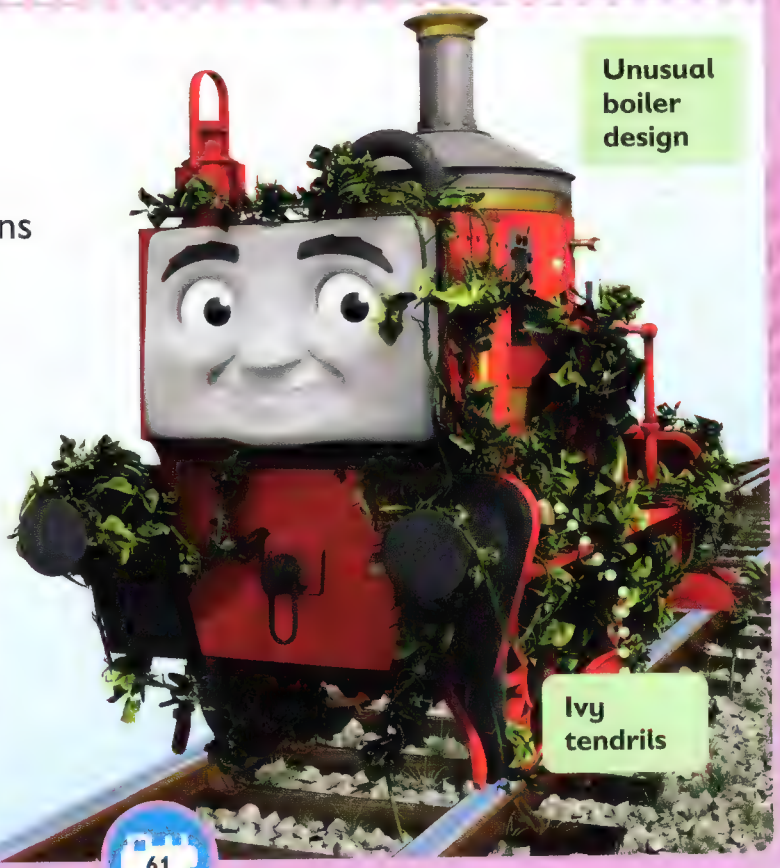
MILLIE

Millie is young, fun, and a little fiery, especially if she's upset! She's worked for the Earl of Sodor for a long time, and feels very loyal to him. He is one person Millie never gets upset with.

GLYNN

Glynn is an old vertical boiler engine. Glynn may be outdated, but that means he is a piece of railway history. It makes his boiler bubble with pride!

For years, Glynn stood on a side track, covered in ivy.



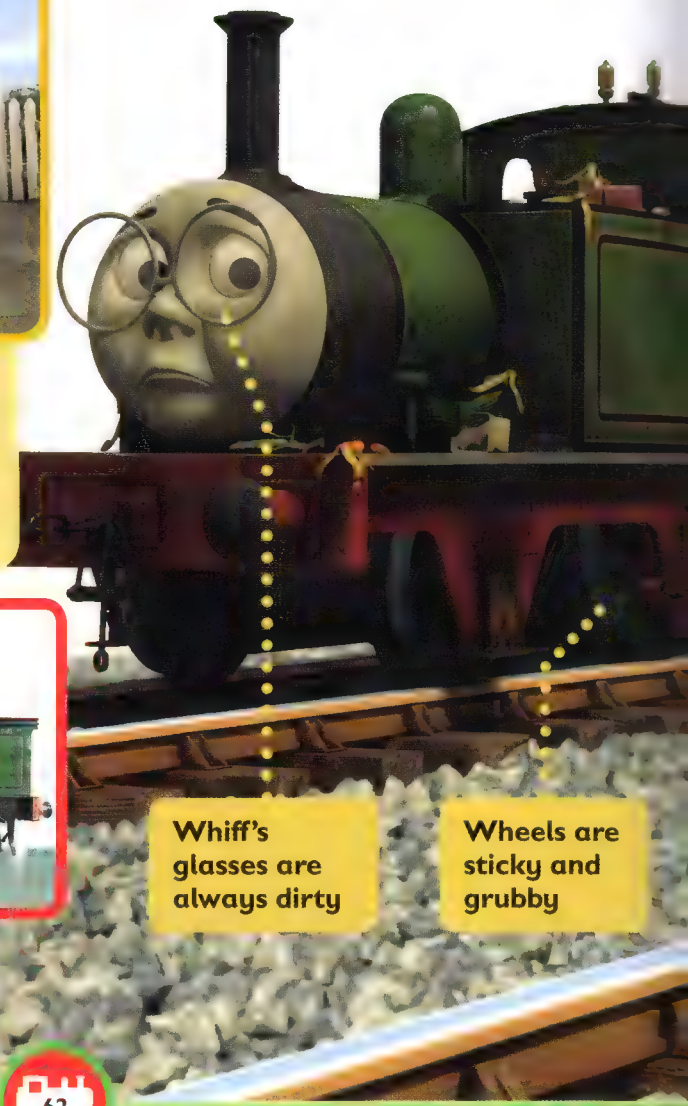
SCRUFF AND WHIFF

The smelliest engines in Sodor

This dirty duo works at the Waste Dump. For them, getting grimy is part of the job. Smelling bad does not bother them!

Whiff's special job

Once, Whiff had to collect the Duchess of Boxford. He wasn't used to such clean cargo.



DID YOU KNOW?

Whiff is based on an engine called *Aerolite*. It carried a fancy coach instead of garbage!

FACT FILE

Home: Waste Dump

Role: Crushing and removing garbage

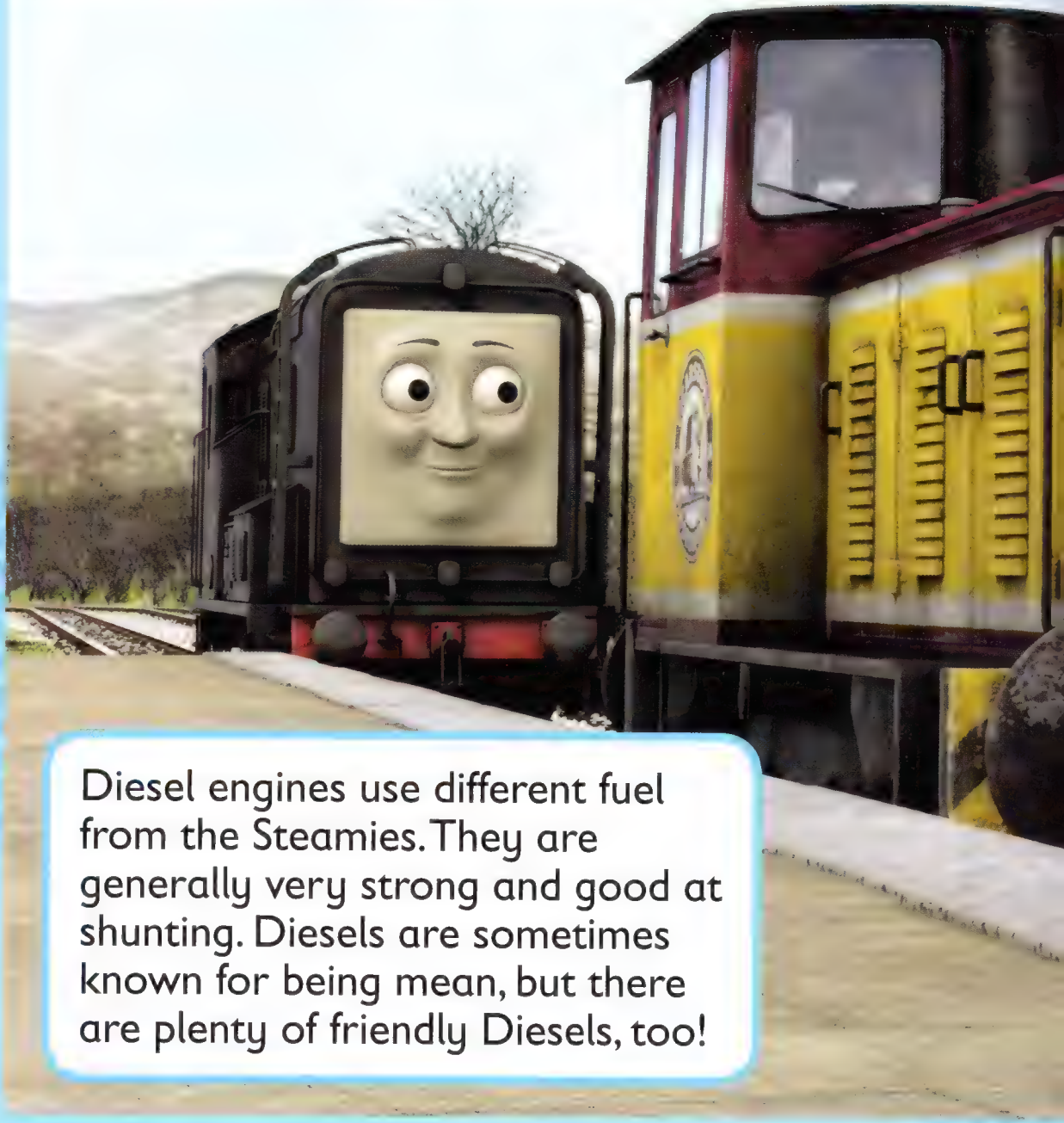
Like: Not having to worry about what they look like

FUN FACT!
Scruff is afraid of soap, water, and brushes.

These two are ready to ram, squash, and scrunch garbage.

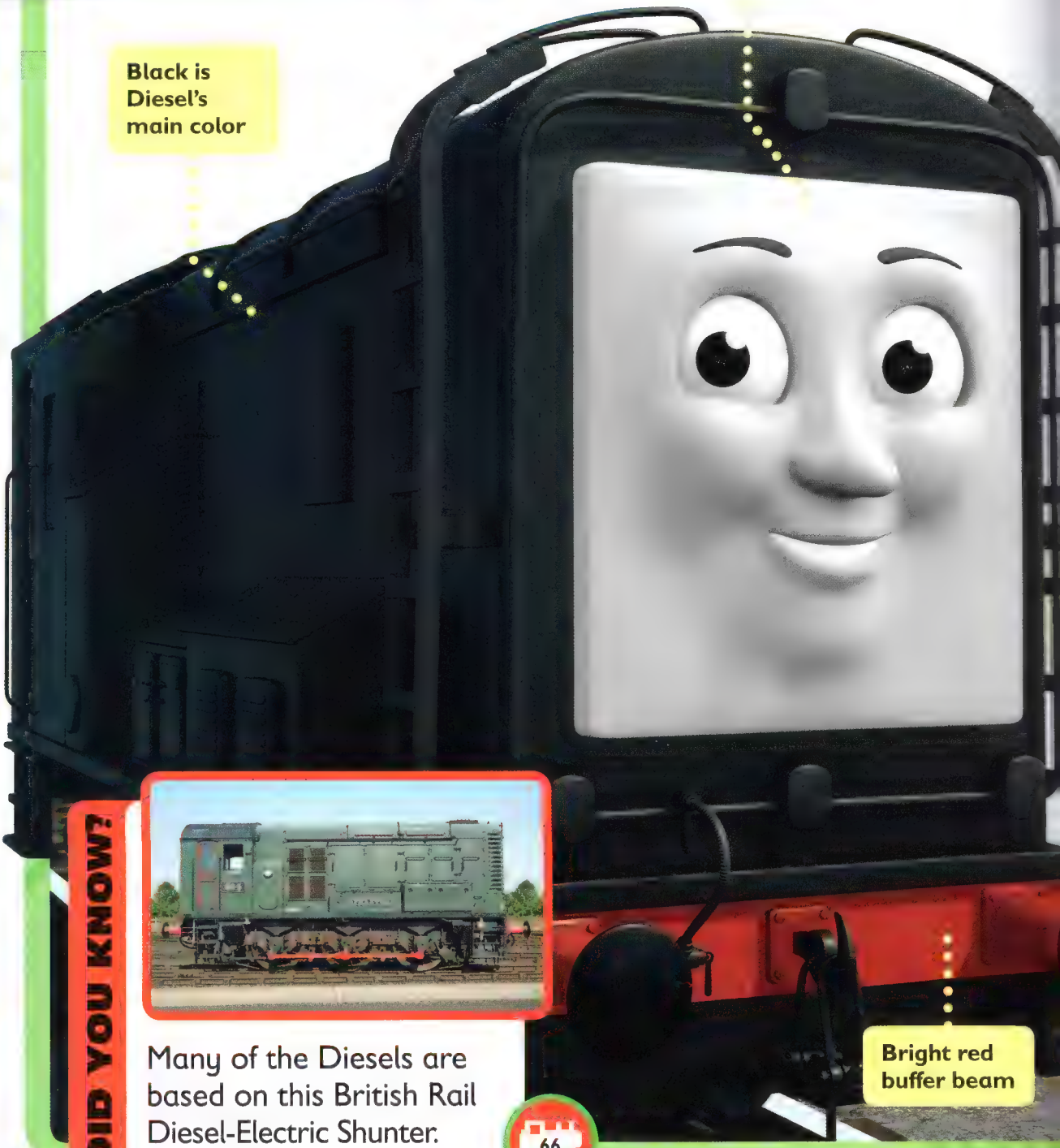
"Let's get scrunching!"

SODOR DIESEL ENGINES



Diesel engines use different fuel from the Steamies. They are generally very strong and good at shunting. Diesels are sometimes known for being mean, but there are plenty of friendly Diesels, too!

FUN FACT!
Diesel was the first diesel engine ever to arrive on Sodor.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many of the Diesels are based on this British Rail Diesel-Electric Shunter.

DIESEL

The devious Diesel

Diesel delights in stirring up trouble and drawing the other Diesels into sneaky schemes against the steam engines. That is the kind of mean engine he is!

Making plans

Diesel loves sneaking and spying. He thinks every situation is a chance to make trouble for others.

"Diesels can do everything better than Steamies!"

The other engines all call him "Devious Diesel."

FACT FILE

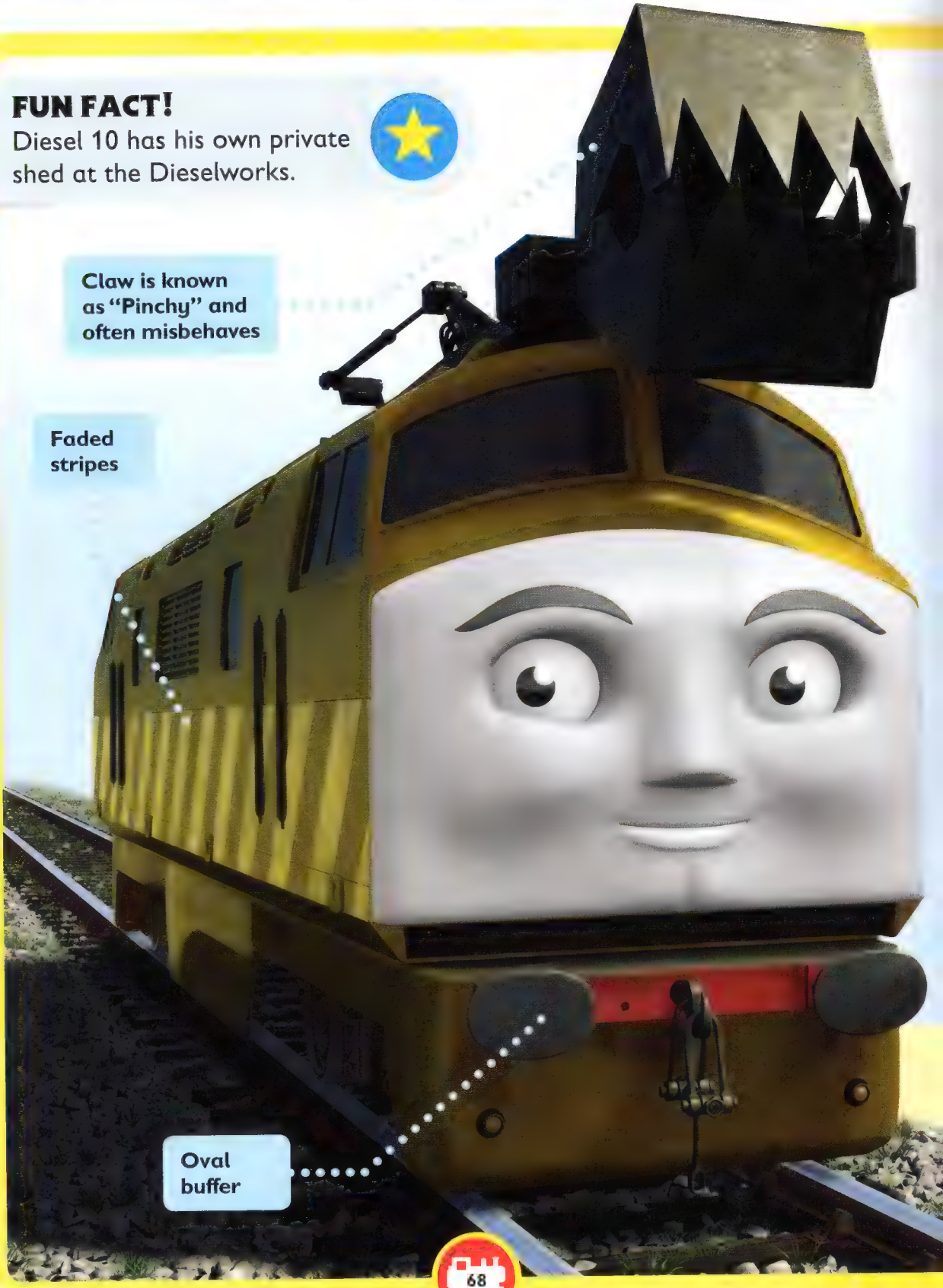
Role: Shunting heavy loads

Works with: He only likes working with the Diesels

Dislikes: Steamies!

FUN FACT!

Diesel 10 has his own private shed at the Dieselworks.



DIESEL 10

The master of mischief

No one on Sodor can escape Diesel 10's mean ways. This nasty engine taunts Steamies, bullies other Diesels, and delights in causing delays.

Holiday heist
Percy saw Diesel 10 steal the Steamies' Christmas decorations! Dastardly Diesel 10 sped off, laughing.

Diesel 10 has a snapping claw and a snappy temper.

FACT FILE

Home: The Dieselworks

Works with: Very unfortunate engines!

Dislikes: Helping other engines

"Move over, Steamie!"

DAISY

The Diesel Railcar

This passenger engine can be charming, but she is sometimes lazy. Daisy makes up excuses if she doesn't feel like doing a job. That makes more work for other engines!

Lazy Daisy

Daisy got in trouble with Sir Topham Hatt for persuading poor Ryan to do all her work so she didn't have to.

"I'm highly sprung and right up to date!"

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying passengers

Home: Harwick Branch Line

Dislikes: Waking up early for work

DID YOU KNOW?

Daisy is based on a diesel multiple-unit train, which can have more than one railcar.

FUN FACT!

Daisy thought that Ffarquhar Sheds were too smelly for her to sleep in!

Daisy thinks she is too fancy to pull freight cars.

IRON 'ARRY AND IRON BERT

The scrap diesels

Brothers 'Arry and Bert are a dreadfully devious duo. They are always looking for ways to tease the Steamies.

FUN FACT!

Their nasty nickname for Henry is "Mr. Special Steam."

Secret softies

The brothers forgot to be rough and tough when they met some cute ducklings!

Paintwork is identical on the pair

The brothers enjoy the unpleasant job of breaking up engines.

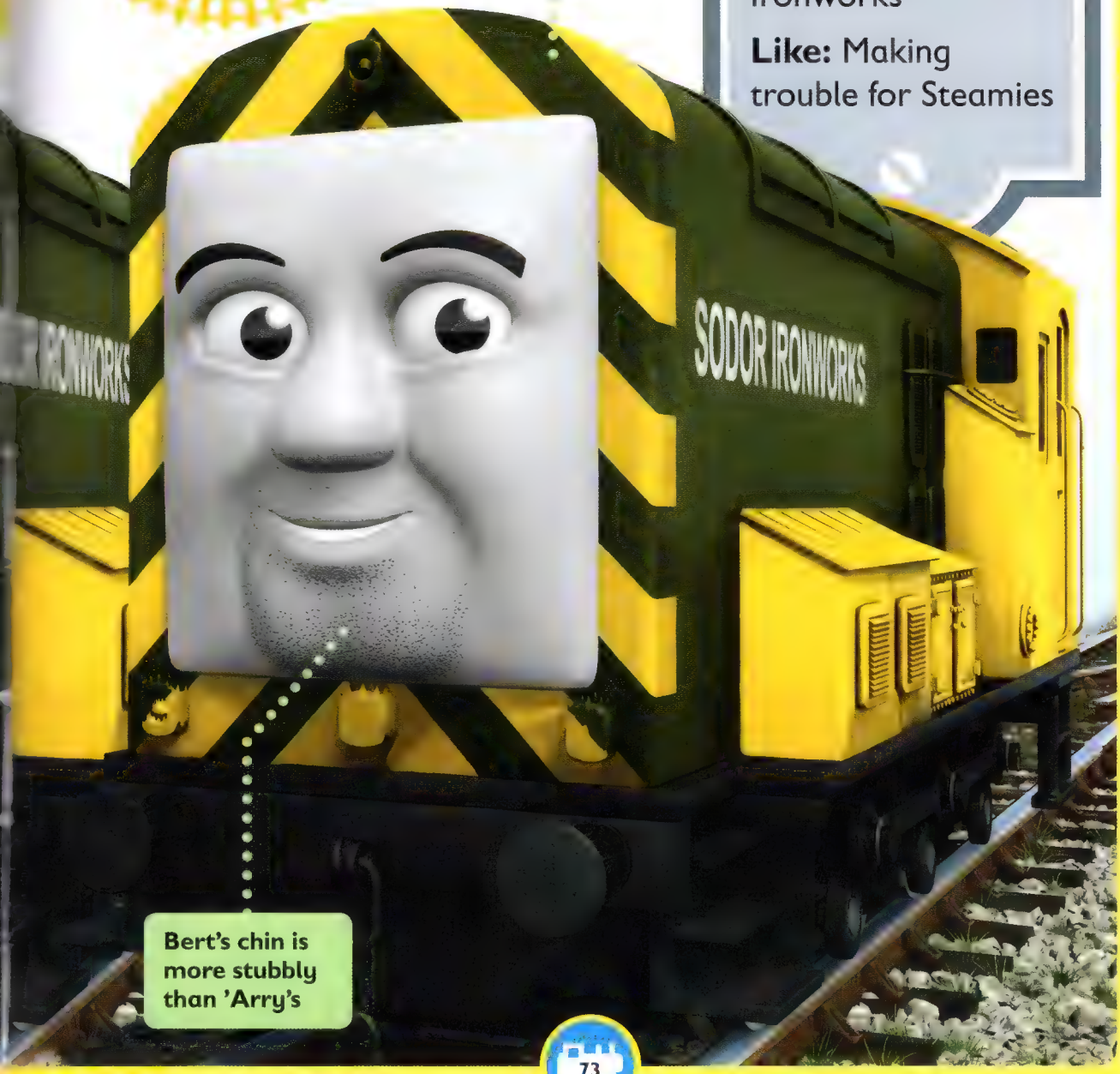
Yellow and green hazard stripes

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting and scrapping

Home: Sodor Ironworks

Like: Making trouble for Steamies

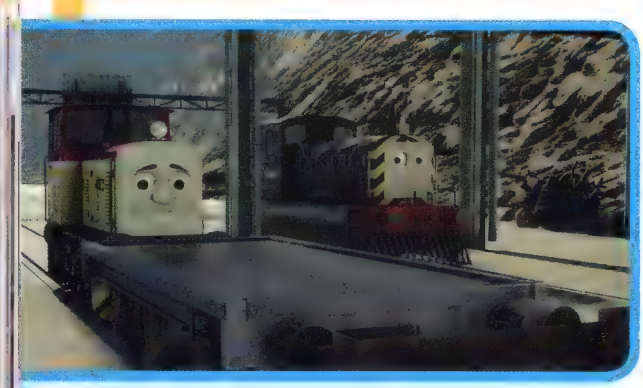


Bert's chin is more stubbly than 'Arry's

DEN AND DART

The Dieselworks double act

Den and his trusty assistant Dart run the Dieselworks, repairing the Island's diesel engines. Den is a thoughtful, quiet engine, while his friend Dart is fast and feisty.



Forever friends

Den was once sent away to a job without Dart. The friends were miserable without each other.

DID YOU KNOW?

Den is a Rolls-Royce engine. Rolls-Royce also makes shiny luxury cars!

FACT FILE

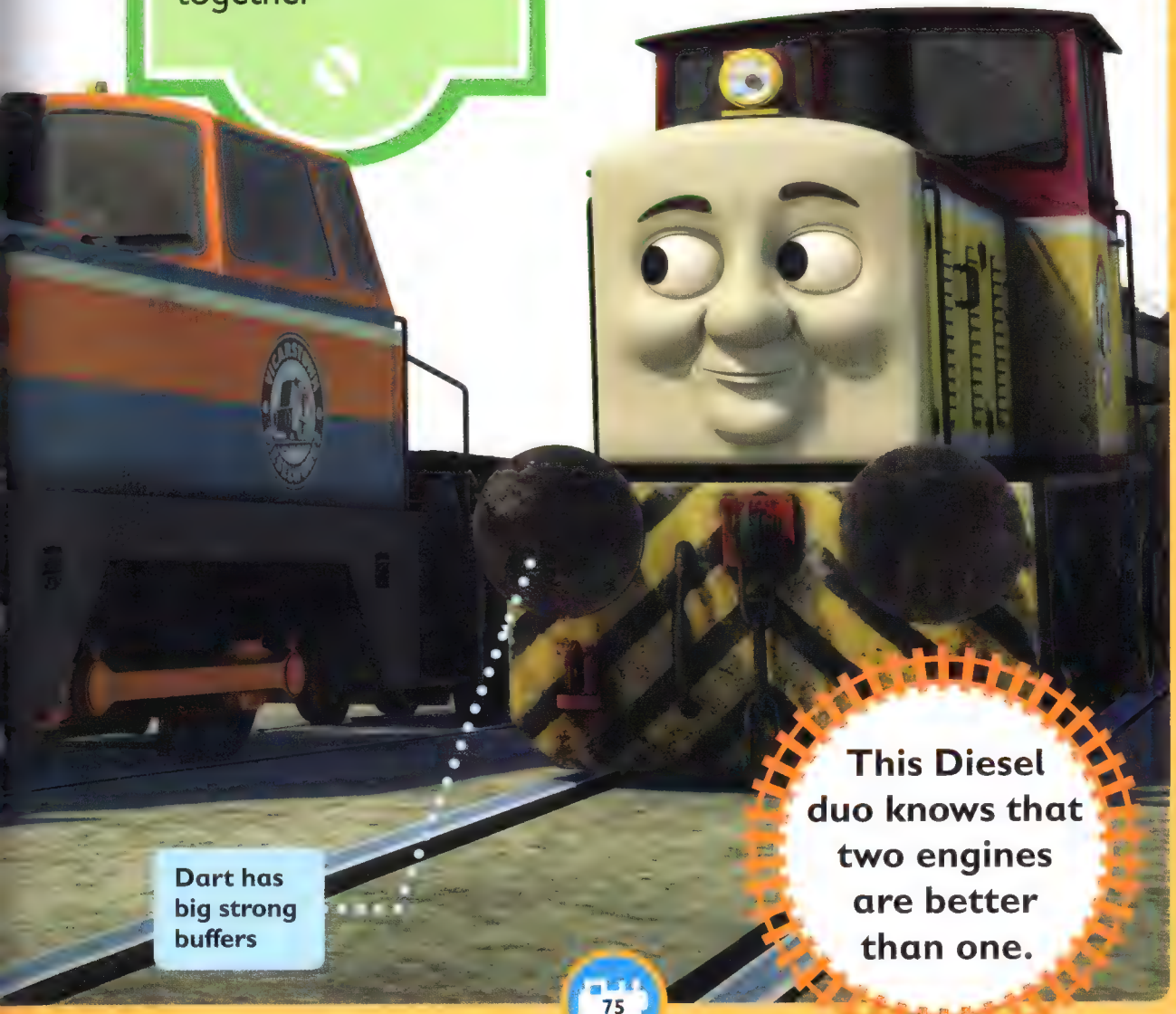
Role: Repairing and maintaining diesels

Home: Vicarstown Dieselworks

Like: Working together

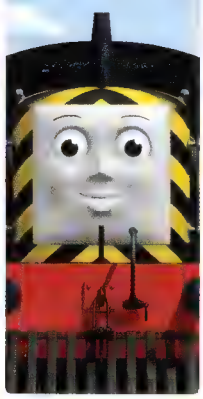
FUN FACT!
Dart knows Den so well, he can finish his sentences.

"If you're broken, we fix you!"



Dart has big strong buffers

This Diesel duo knows that two engines are better than one.



MAVIS

A friendly but firm diesel

Tough, hard-working Mavis is based at the Ffarquhar Quarry. The firm but fair engine treats Diesels and Steamies alike. She takes no nonsense from any of them!

Cheery Mavis always looks out for other engines.

Seaside trip

Mavis took a well-earned break to visit the seaside. She returned home with a bunch of bright balloons.

FACT FILE

Role: Hauling trucks

Works with: Toby

Likes: Giving good, commonsense advice to other engines

DID YOU KNOW?

Mavis is based on a diesel engine that sometimes had a cowcatcher and side skirting attached.

FUN FACT!
Mavis gets mad if other engines mess around.

NORMAN

The faulty but friendly engine

Norman is kind, helpful, and popular, but he is not very good at his job. It's not because he is lazy though. It is because he has faulty parts.

FUN FACT!
Norman dreams of having a full repair and overhaul.

Norman has a lazy brother, Dennis, who used to work with him.

Winter warming

One cold, dark night the Steam Team was not able to get home. Kind-hearted Norman invited Thomas to sleep at the Dieselworks.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting

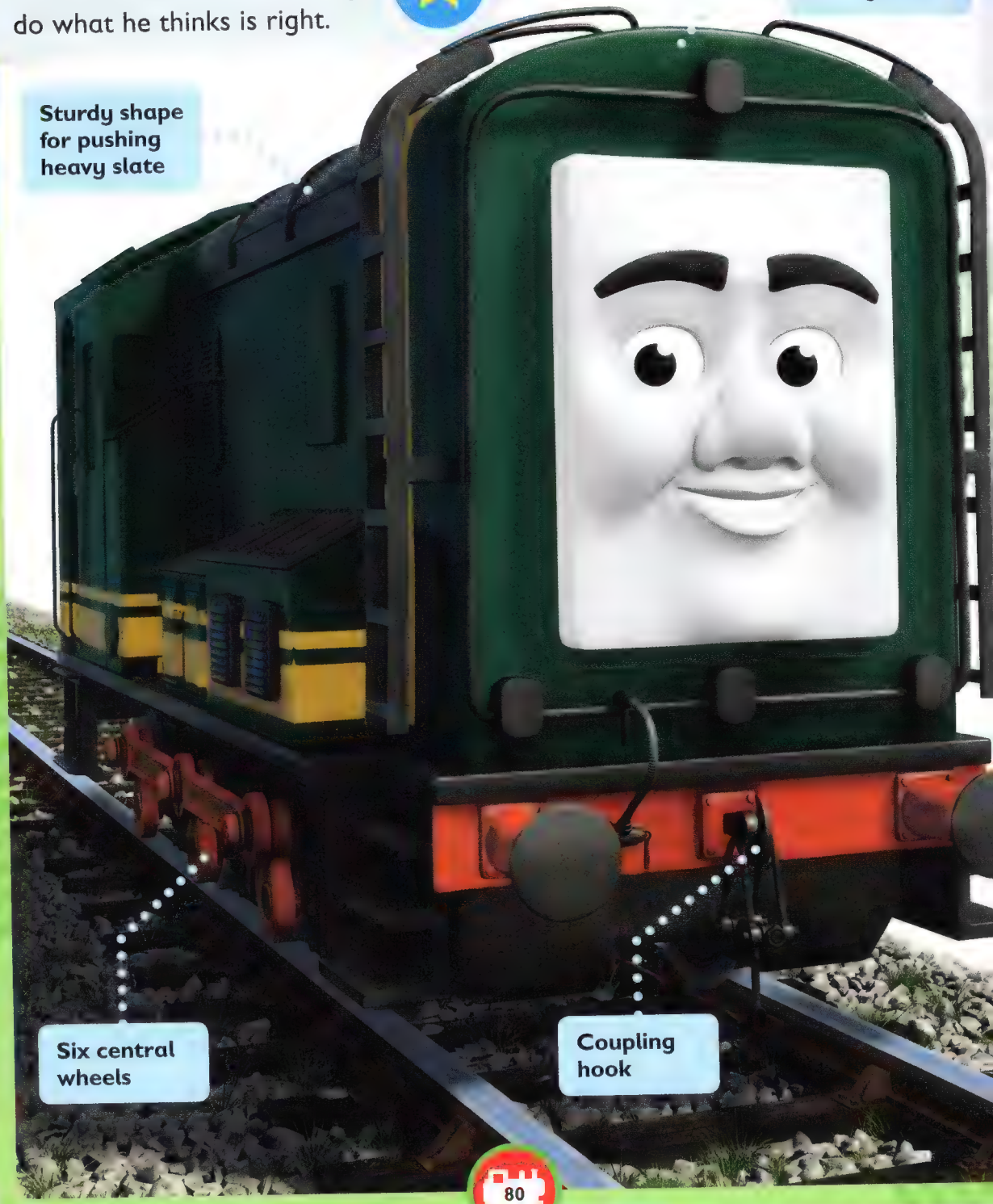
Home: The Vicarstown Dieselworks

Dislikes: Waiting and waiting for repairs

Handrails for workers
Fan grille to cool engine
Stocky front end
Steps on either side

FUN FACT!

Paxton makes sure to always do what he thinks is right.



PAXTON

The youngest, gentlest Diesel

Young Paxton means well, but is easily led astray. The other Diesels often take advantage of him, although he does stand up for himself if things go too far.

"I'll keep my mind on the job. No silliness!"

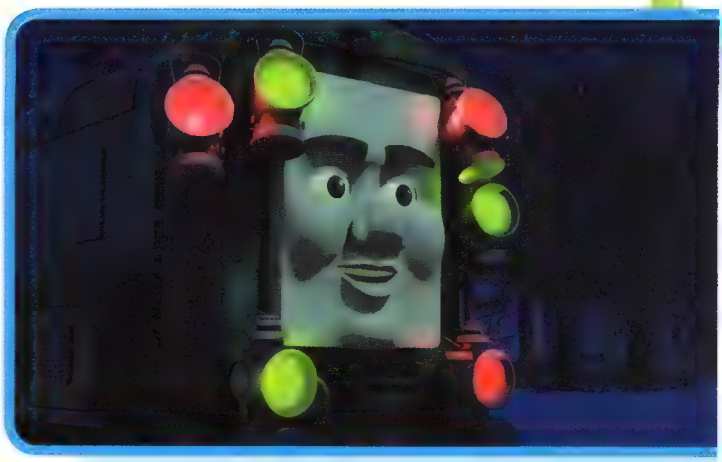
Paxton has a kind heart and is a very good friend.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting slate around Sodor

Home: The Vicarstown Dieselworks

Likes: Everyone!



Holiday spirit
Paxton put on festive lights to cheer Diesel up, but he scared him instead!

SALTY

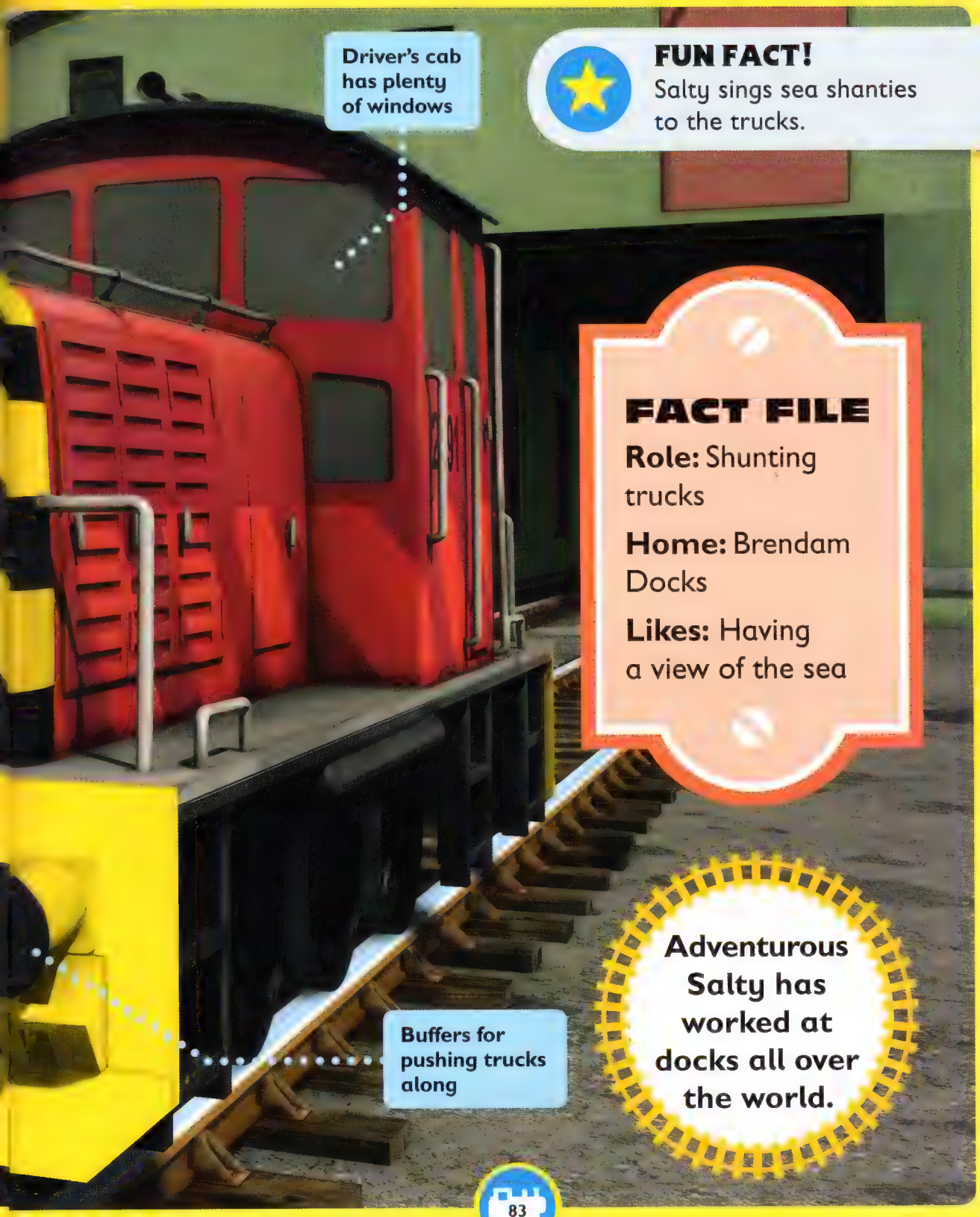
The dockside diesel engine

Salty likes to be by the sea, so working at the Docks is the perfect job for him. He loves to tell stories about his life—whether anyone is listening or not!

Surprise party
In his rush to get back to his job at the Docks, Salty slid straight into a truck of party decorations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Industrial engines like Salty often have bright markings for safety.



FUN FACT!
Salty sings sea shanties to the trucks.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting trucks

Home: Brendam Docks

Likes: Having a view of the sea

Adventurous Salty has worked at docks all over the world.

SIDNEY

The forgetful Diesel

Oh dear! Sidney wants to be Really Useful, but his memory lets him down. He often forgets where he's going, or even why he set off in the first place.

"You didn't think I'd forget, did you?"

Musical mayhem

Thomas suggested that Sidney sing a song to help him remember things. Poor Sidney forgot the song, too!

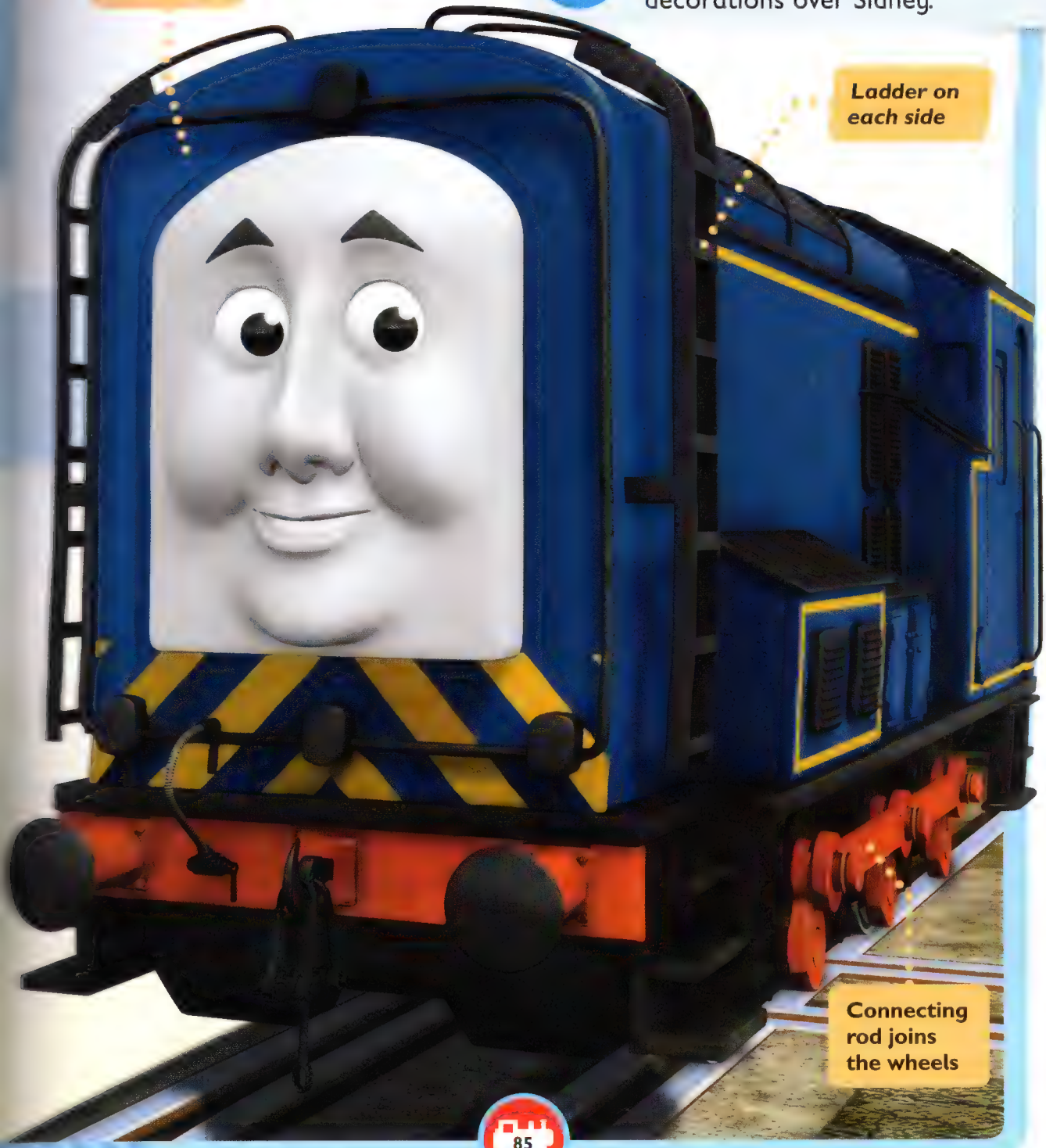
Sidney spent two years up on a hoist, waiting for new wheels.

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting trucks

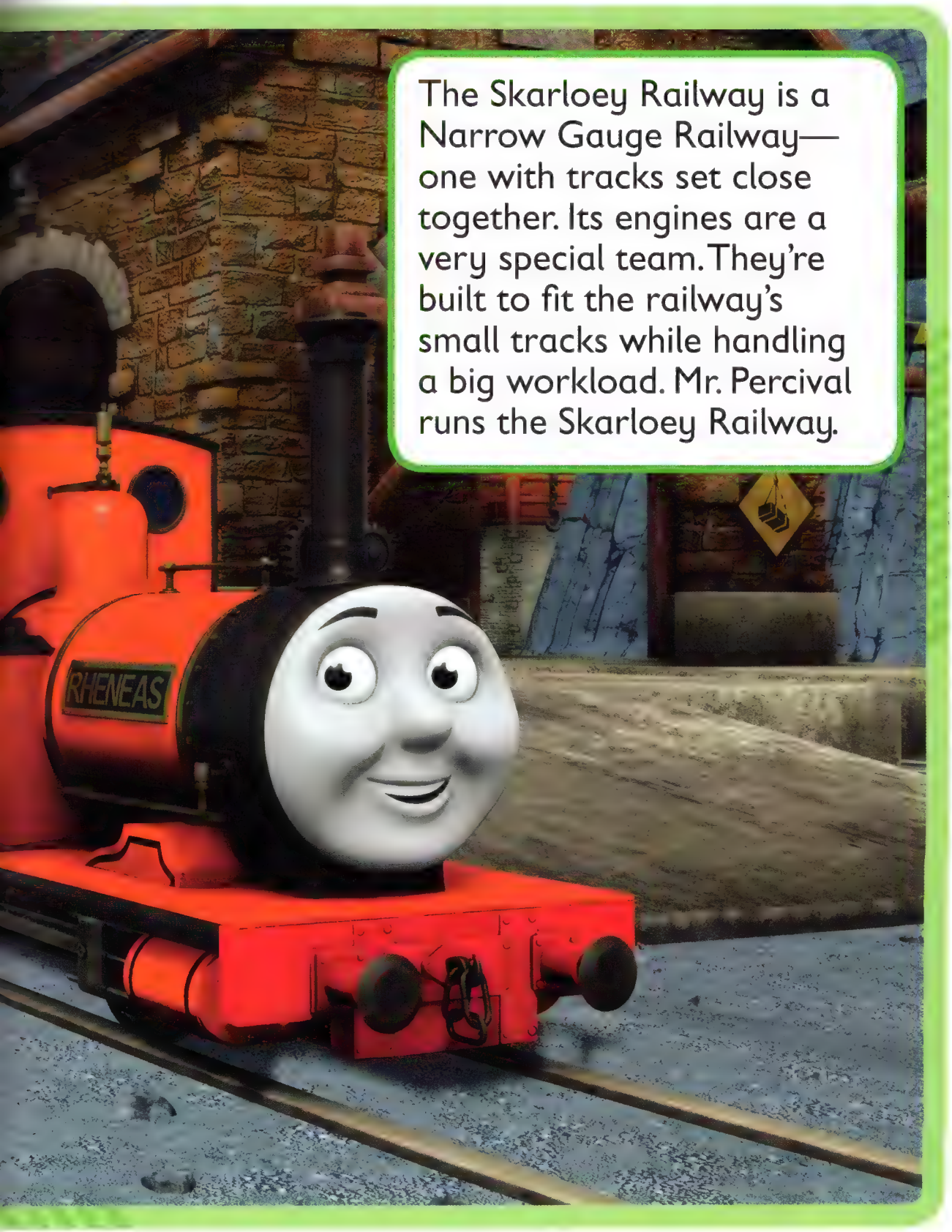
Home: The Vicarstown Dieselworks

Likes: Chatting to other engines



FUN FACT!
The Diesels once hung holiday decorations over Sidney.

SKARLOEY RAILWAY ENGINES



The Skarloey Railway is a Narrow Gauge Railway—one with tracks set close together. Its engines are a very special team. They're built to fit the railway's small tracks while handling a big workload. Mr. Percival runs the Skarloey Railway.

FUN FACT!

Skarloey takes his journeys slowly. He loves looking at the scenery.

Curved cab roof

Extra-long funnel

Skarloey is proud of his red paint

DID YOU KNOW?

Skarloey has a brass steam whistle. Whistles on trains help drivers give loud warnings.

SKARLOEY

Faithful old engine

Skarloey is one of the oldest engines on Sodor. After a long overhaul in the Sheds, he is thrilled to have the chance to puff along his Railway again.

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling passenger coaches

Home: Skarloey Railway

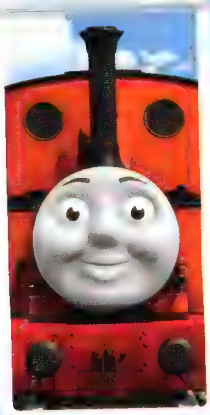
Likes: Giving advice to others

Holiday headache

Skarloey was excited about the holidays. But Duncan's constant grouchy grumbling ruined his happy mood.

"Passengers are our coal and water!"

Skarloey works as hard as the others, despite his age.

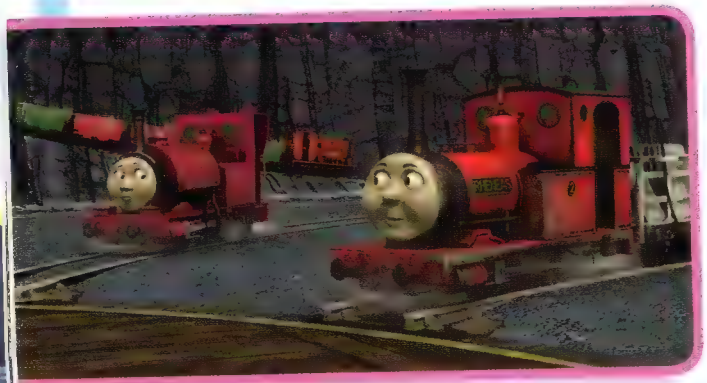


RHENEAS

A noble old engine

Rheneas is the Skarloey Railway's most loyal engine. He will take on any task. His favorite job is carrying passengers, especially children.

Rheneas works very hard to keep the line in good condition.



Mountain mine

At the Blue Mountain Quarry, Rheneas helps Skarloey to move stone that has been dug out of the mountainside.

"I'll get there or bust!"

FACT FILE

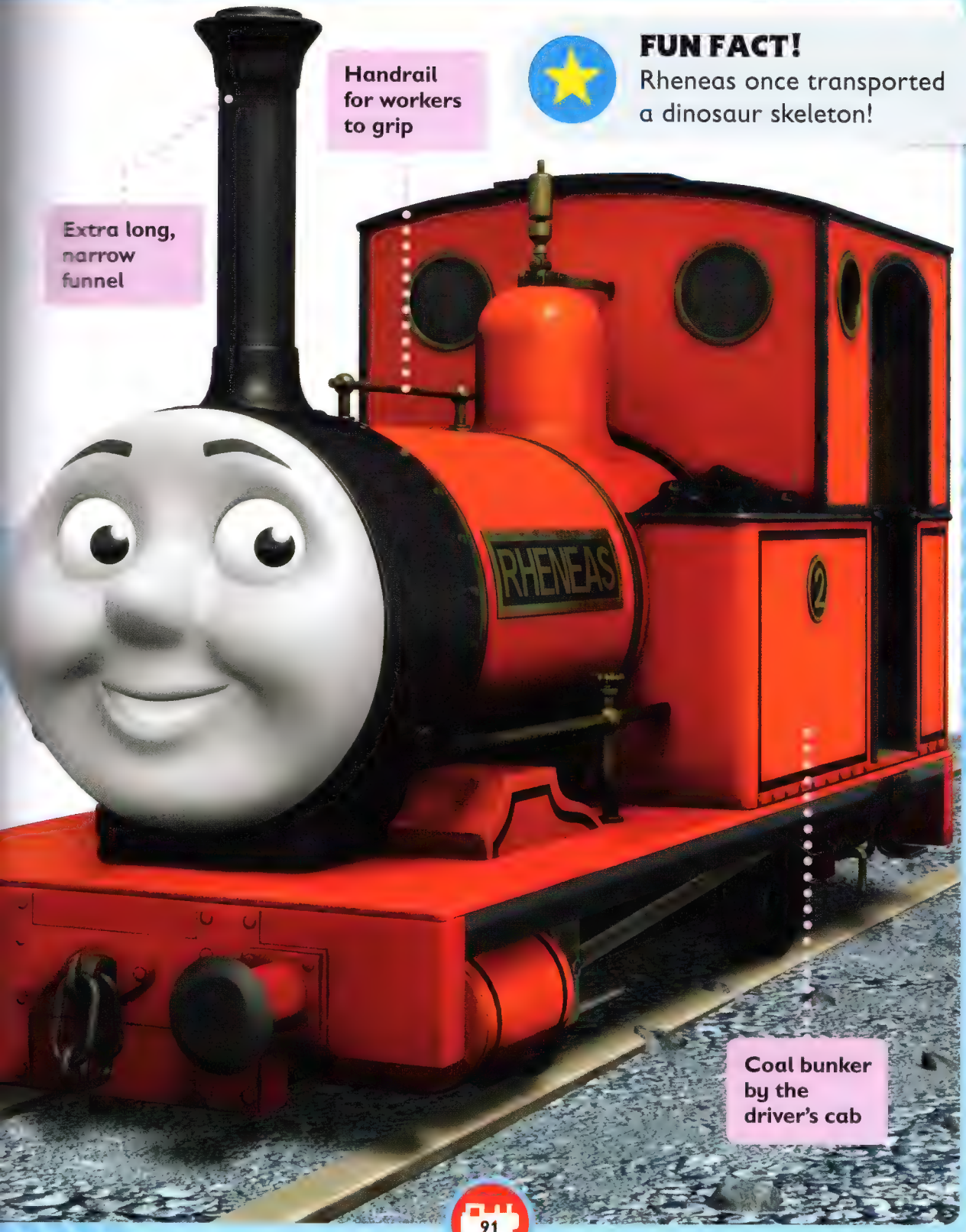
Role: Talented all-rounder

Home: Skarloey Railway

Likes: Engines with good manners

DID YOU KNOW?

Rheneas' twin is an engine from Wales. The engine is named *Dolgoch*.



FUN FACT!
Rheneas once transported a dinosaur skeleton!

Whistle blows when engine is coming

Coupling hook connects to other trucks

DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Handel is based on a Welsh engine called *Sir Haydn*. It runs on the Talyllyn Railway.

SIR HANDEL

No. 3 Narrow Gauge Engine

Sir Handel thought he was too grand for little Skarloey Railway. However, he soon decided that working in a team was much more fun than working alone.

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying goods and passengers

Home: Skarloey Railway

Likes: His Narrow Gauge friends

FUN FACT!

In his old job, Sir Handel used to be called Falcon.

Creaky crisis

Sir Handel tried getting his oil filled up to stop him from creaking—but it made it even worse!

Sir Handel can be a little rough with his trucks, if he feels grumpy.

FUN FACT!
In his old job, Peter Sam's name was Stuart.

Peter Sam never grumbles about hard work!

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling passenger coaches

Home: Skarloey Railway

Likes: Always working hard

Saddle tank contains water

Footboard for workers to stand on

DID YOU KNOW?

Saddle tanks were a common feature of trains built by Kerr, Stuart & Company.

PETER SAM

An eager, energetic engine

Peter Sam loves being busy. Once, he was so impatient to get going that he set off before the Guard's whistle. He accidentally left the Refreshment Lady behind!

Flattened funnel

Boss for a day

When Peter Sam was put in charge of the depot, he ran out of coal! Victor had to puff to his rescue.

"I'm Peter Sam, I'm running this line!"

Neat red and green paintwork

RUSTY

Reliable odd-job engine

Rusty is the only diesel engine on the Skarloey Railway. He helps everything run smoothly by keeping the line clear and doing repair work.

Cranky Christmas
It was the holidays but Duncan was grumpy as usual. Rusty tried his best to cheer him up!

"PEEP-HOOT! My two-toned toots are so tuneful!"

FACT FILE

Role: Keeping the line running

Home: Skarloey Railway

Likes: Working with the Steamies

The Steamies like hard-working Rusty, even though he's a Diesel!

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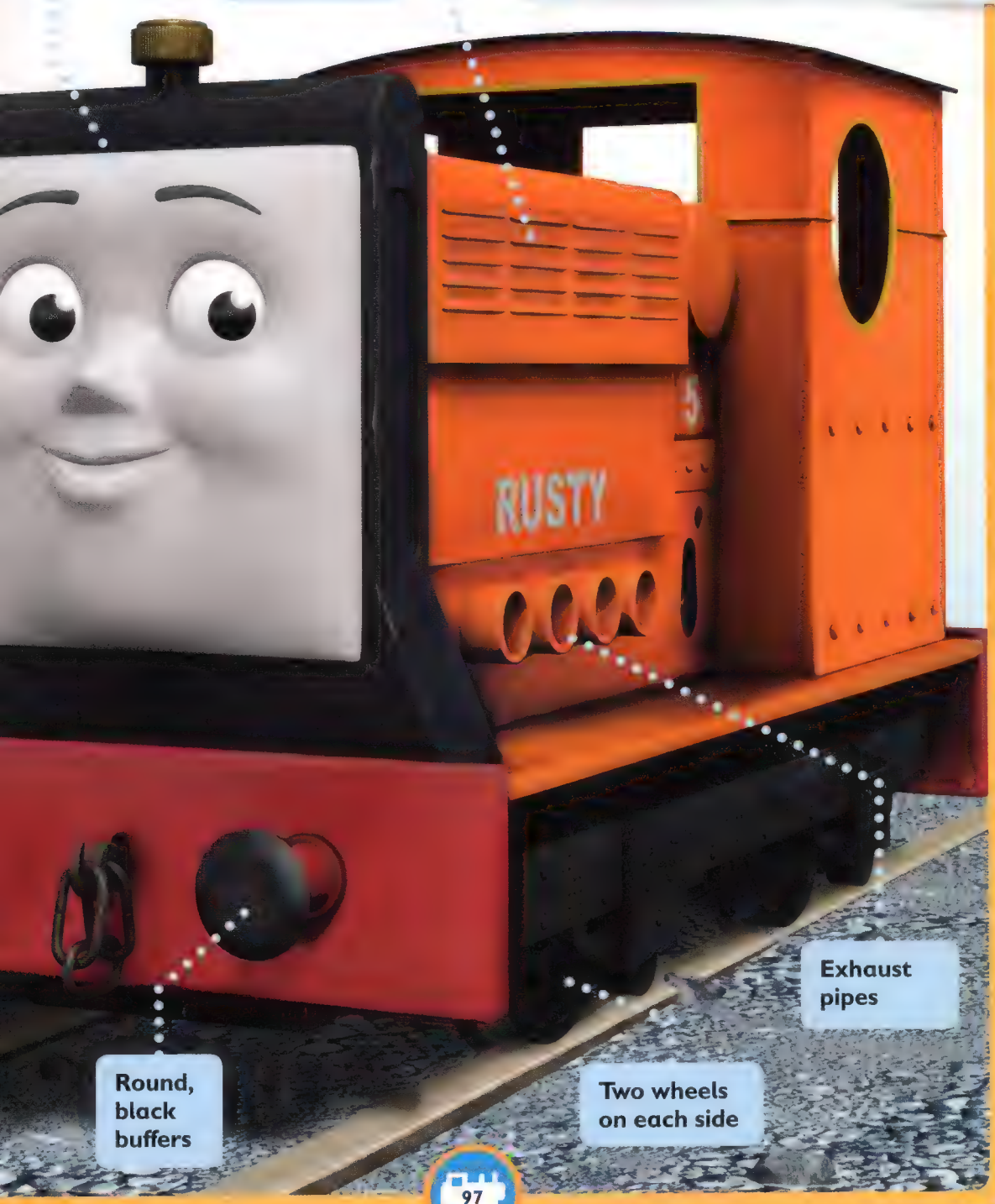
Air grille keeps the engine cool

FUN FACT!
Rusty loves the sound of his horn, but not everyone does!



Exhaust pipes

Round, black buffers

Two wheels on each side

FUN FACT!

A ghost that spooked Duncan was really a bunch of fireflies!

Distinctive tall funnel

Coal stored in the coal bunker

Pipes feed steam into cylinders

DID YOU KNOW?

Duncan is based on an engine built almost 100 years ago for use by the military.

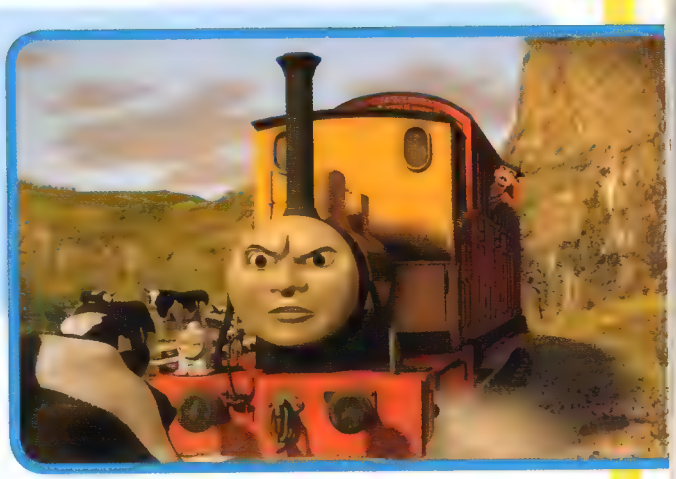
DUNCAN

The grumpy Scottish engine

Duncan says he is "blunt." Other engines say he is grumpy! However, Duncan only grumbles because he wants to do a good job. He is a very hard-working engine.

In a grump

Duncan once got fed up with a grumbling passenger. It wasn't his fault there were cows on the line!



"Alright . . . alright . . . I'm going!"

Duncan bounces on the tracks, so he is nicknamed "Rock 'n' Roll"!

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling freight or passengers

Home: Skarloey Railway

Likes: Getting on with the job

LUKE

Small engine with a big heart

Pea-green Luke is full of enthusiasm and works his wheels off at the Quarry. He's determined to be the hardest-working little engine on all of Sodor.

Hidden away

Luke hid when he first arrived on the Island. He thought he had harmed another engine. Luckily, Thomas helped to put things right.

FACT FILE

Role: Moving trucks of stone

Home: Blue Mountain Quarry

Likes: Whooshing through dark tunnels

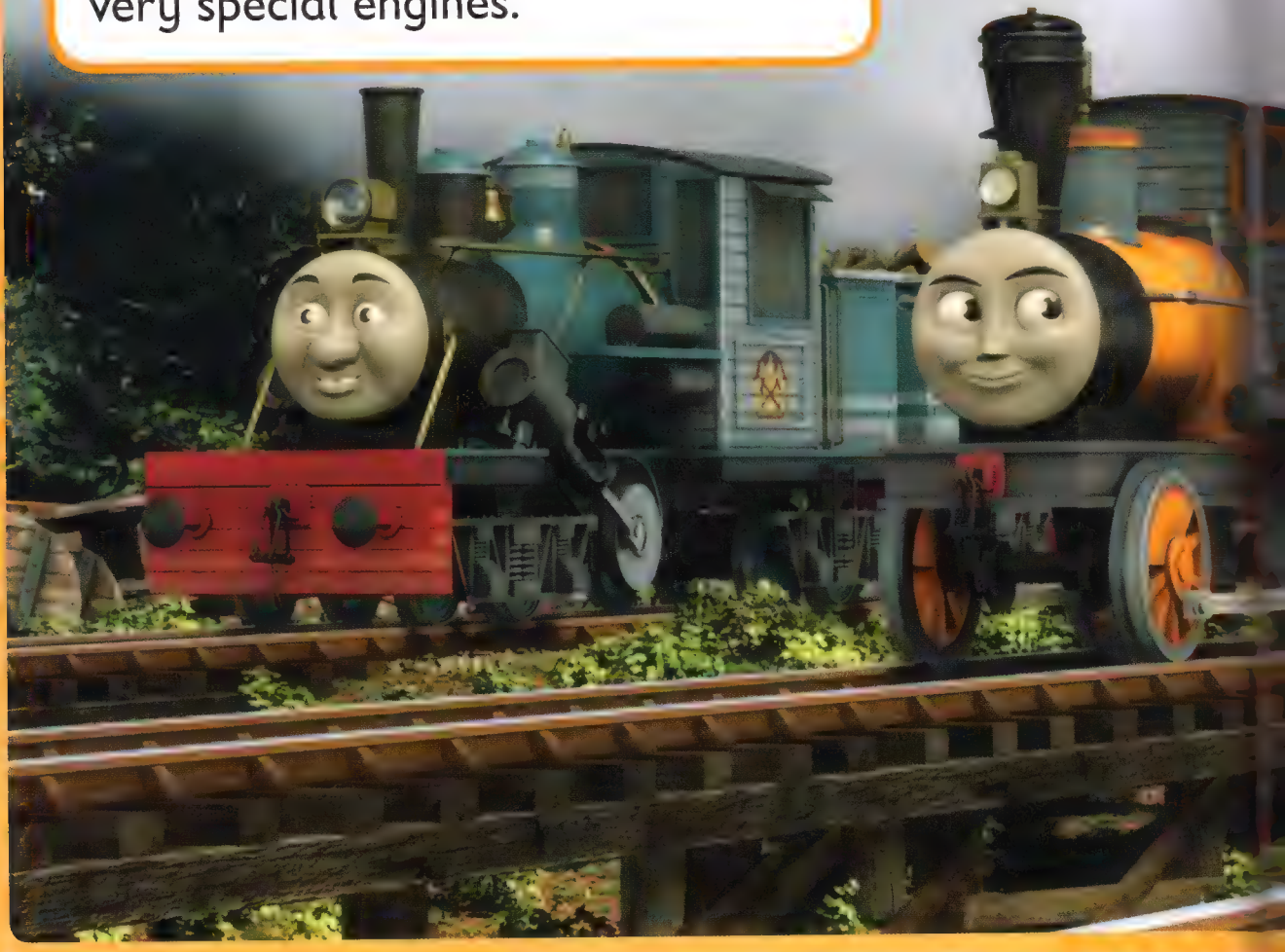
Luke's dream was to work on the Sodor Railway.

"I can't wait for each new working day to start!"

FUN FACT!
Luke helped a lost baby deer find a new home.

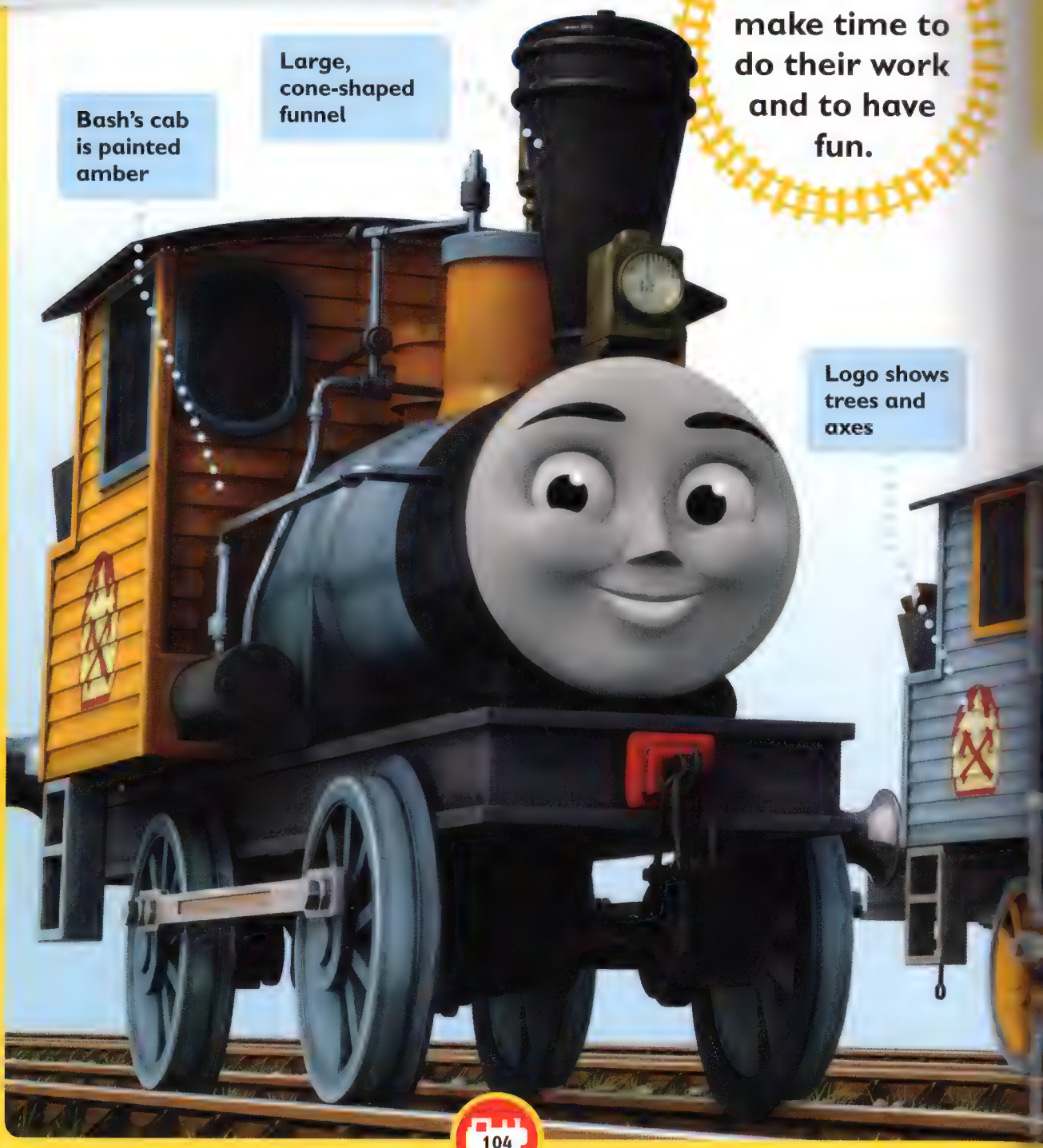
RAILWAY FRIENDS

The Steamies and Diesels of Sodor rely on their other railway friends to help keep things on track. These happy helpers include cranes, coaches, road vehicles—and some very special engines.



FUN FACT!

Hold the coal! Bash and Dash can only run on wood or oil.



The twins make time to do their work and to have fun.

BASH AND DASH

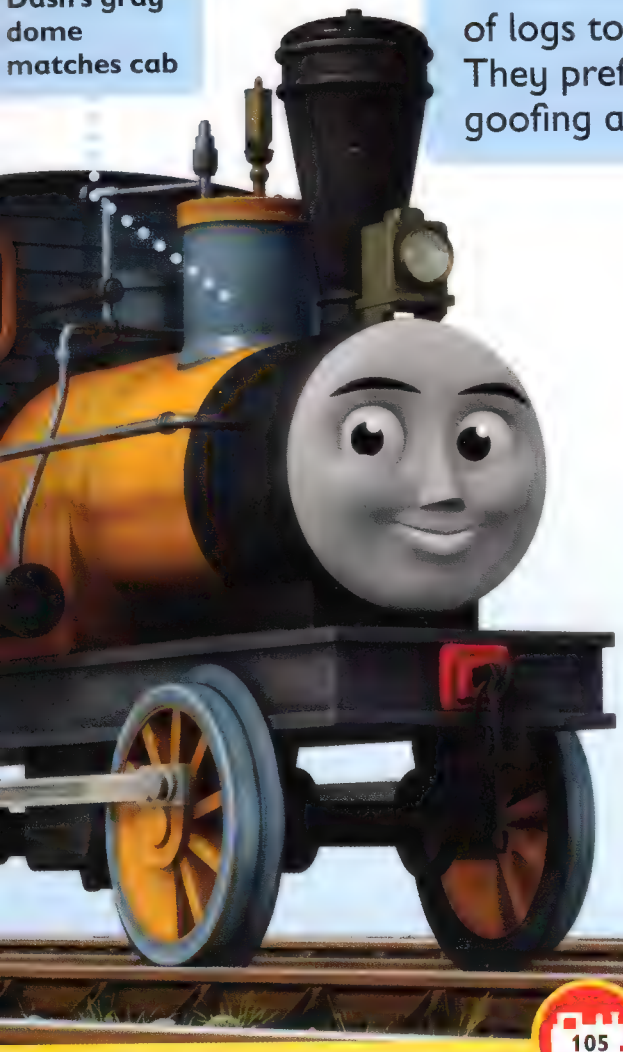
Fun-loving twin engines

Bash and Dash were sent to Misty Island for being naughty. The island is connected to Sodor by a tunnel. Now the Logging Locos are trying hard to learn how to be helpful.

Logging

On Misty Island, the twins have lots of logs to haul. They prefer goofing around!

Dash's gray dome matches cab

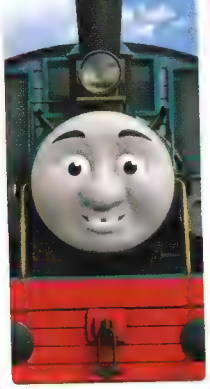


FACT FILE

Role: Carrying logs and other cargo

Work with: Each other, and Ferdinand

Like: Finishing each other's sentences



FERDINAND

The laid-back Logging Loco

Ferdinand is big, slow, and laid-back, unlike the other Logging Locos, Bash and Dash. Friendly Ferdinand doesn't say a lot, but tweets his whistle most tunefully!

Lion pride

When Ferdinand was asked to pull the famous Lion of Sodor statue, he puffed with pride. He'd never felt so important!

Wooden buffer beam

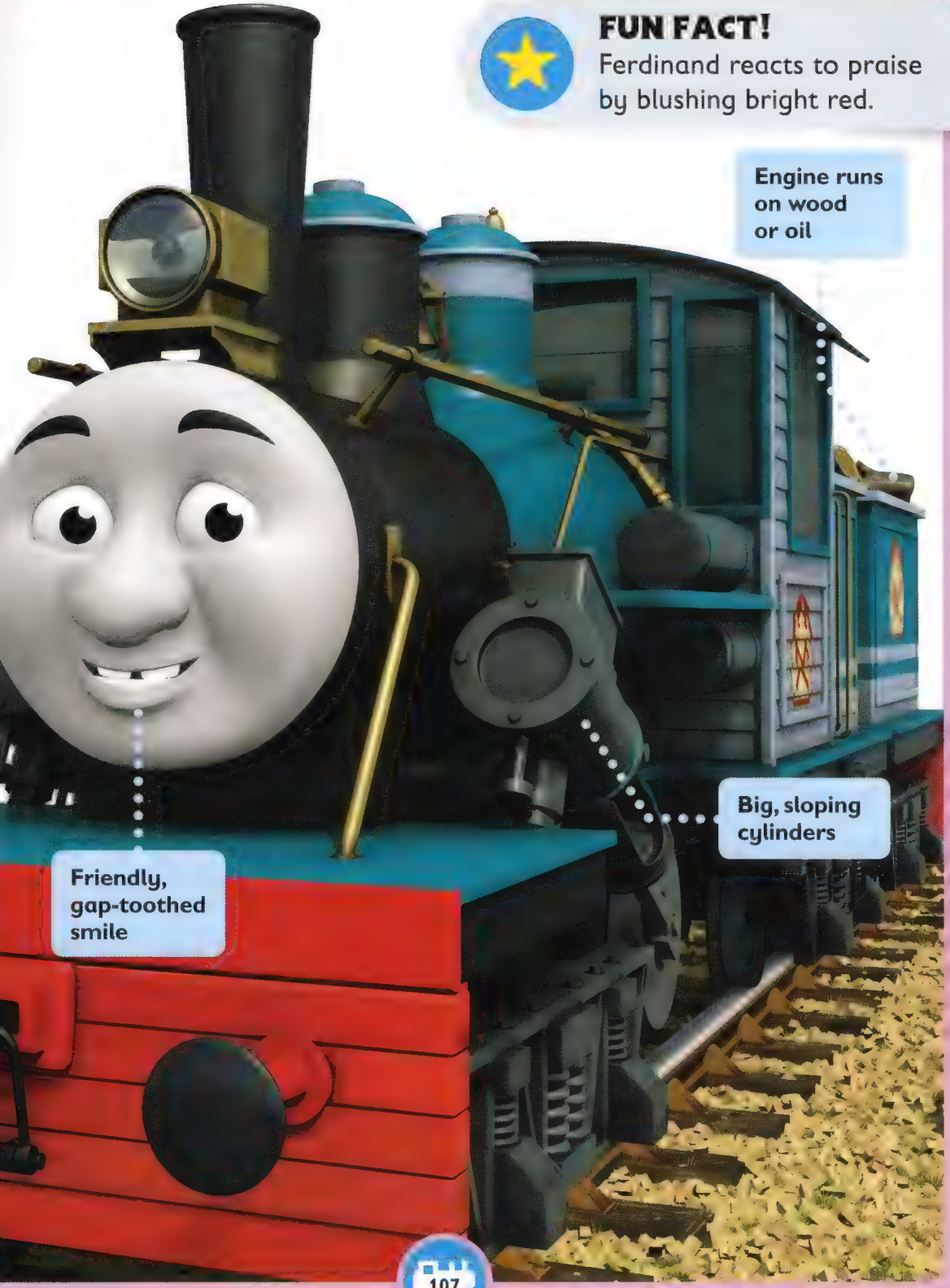
FACT FILE

Role: Logging, lugging, and helping other engines

Works with: Bash and Dash

Dislikes: Rushing

"That's right!" is Ferdinand's catch phrase.



FUN FACT!
Ferdinand reacts to praise by blushing bright red.

SAMSON

A small but very strong engine

Samson is a little engine with a big head. His claim to fame is being very strong for his size. Samson never asks for advice, so he often makes mistakes.

“Not a job on this Island I can't do!”

The boss

Bradford is Samson's bossy brake van. When he barks out an order, even the Troublesome Trucks jump to it!

Samson does not like to say when he gets lost or breaks down.

FACT FILE

Role: Pulling heavy loads with pride

Home: Mainland

Dislikes: Anyone seeing him make a mistake

FUN FACT!
Samson once mistook the mailman's bicycle for scrap!

HIRO

The Master of the Railway

Hiro is an old Japanese engine. He stood for years waiting for parts but was restored after Thomas found him. Hiro is gentle and wise. He finds the good in every engine.

FUN FACT!

Thomas found Hiro on a side track, hidden by trees.

FACT FILE

Role: Helping out and giving advice

Works with: Everyone

Likes: Thinking about his home

Brrrrr!

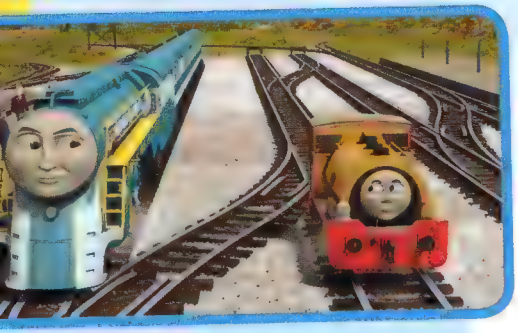
Hiro was asked to deliver some letters to Santa. It was a slow job in the deep snow, but Hiro was patient.

"You must be polite and kind."

Hiro tells tales of the earliest days of the Sodor Railway.
Large, powerful lamp
Old Hiro still looks young
HIRO
Shiny black paint
Shiny gold bar above buffers

FUN FACT!
Connor and Caitlin are both traditional Irish names.

This pair of streamlined Steamies are super speedy!



White stripes around Caitlin's face

Bill or Ben?
Connor was once tricked into believing he had lost a race with Bill—or was it Ben?

Gray and white stripes

CONNOR AND CAITLIN

Fast friends who love to race

These sleek, modern engines are built for speed. They love the thrill of racing, but will always slow down to help a friend in need.

Footboard to allow for servicing

Connor is proud of his teal paint

Cylinders under front steps

FACT FILE

Role: High-speed locomotives

Work with: Each other

Like: Winning races

BREAKDOWN CRANES

Workers who never take a break

These giant cranes have Sodor covered! Rocky attends breakdowns in the east, while Judy and Jerome look after the west.

"I can clear the tracks in no time!"

Jib can be raised or lowered

None of the cranes can move by themselves. They all need shunting.

ROCKY

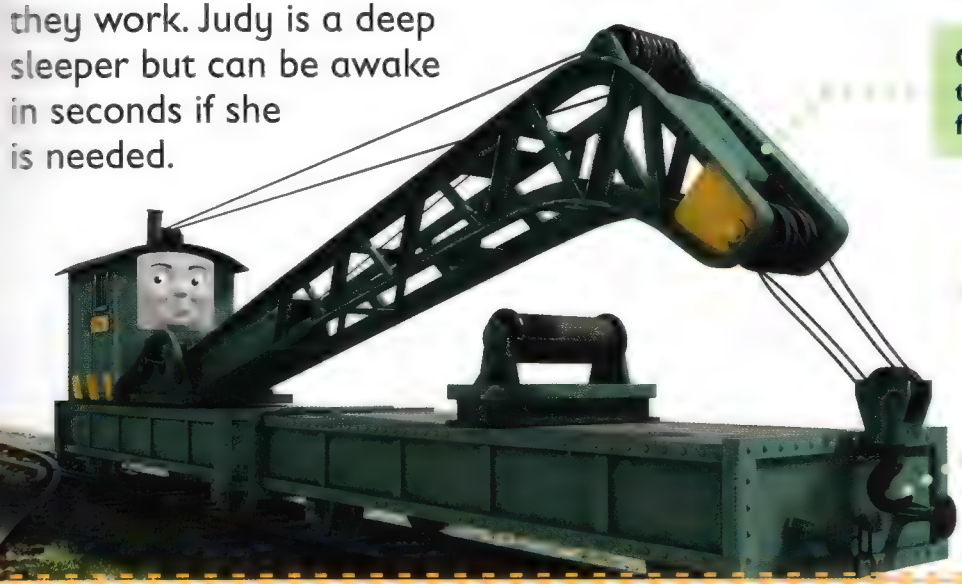
Rocky is a huge crane with a lot of power and a heart to match. He is so big that he needs a shed all to himself! He is based at the Sodor Search and Rescue Center.

Match truck to balance jib

JUDY

Judy and Jerome have worked together for a long time. The two cranes like to chat as they work. Judy is a deep sleeper but can be awake in seconds if she is needed.

FUN FACT!
Saying "Emergency!" will wake the duo instantly.



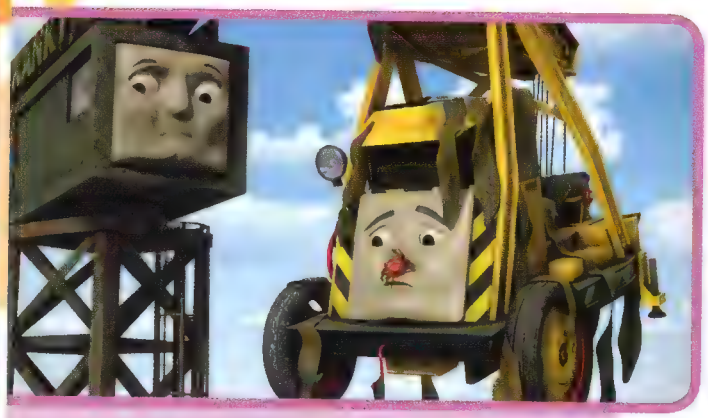
JEROME

Like Judy, Jerome likes a good snooze, but he likes an emergency even better. He's happy to be useful again after years out of work. He likes his new home at Arlesburgh, too.

KEVIN

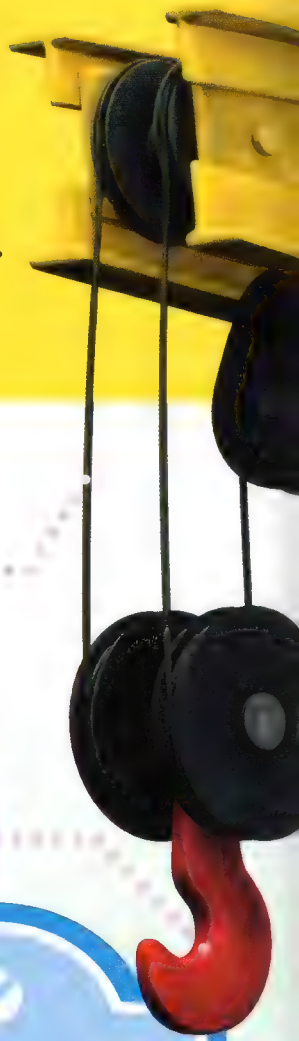
The cheery little crane

Kevin is a young crane who helps Victor at the Steamworks. Kevin is not very careful and often drops things!



Hooked out

Accidents will happen when clumsy Kevin is around. He once fell in the sea and had to be hooked out by Cranky.



Everyone loves Kevin, even when he makes a mistake.

FACT FILE

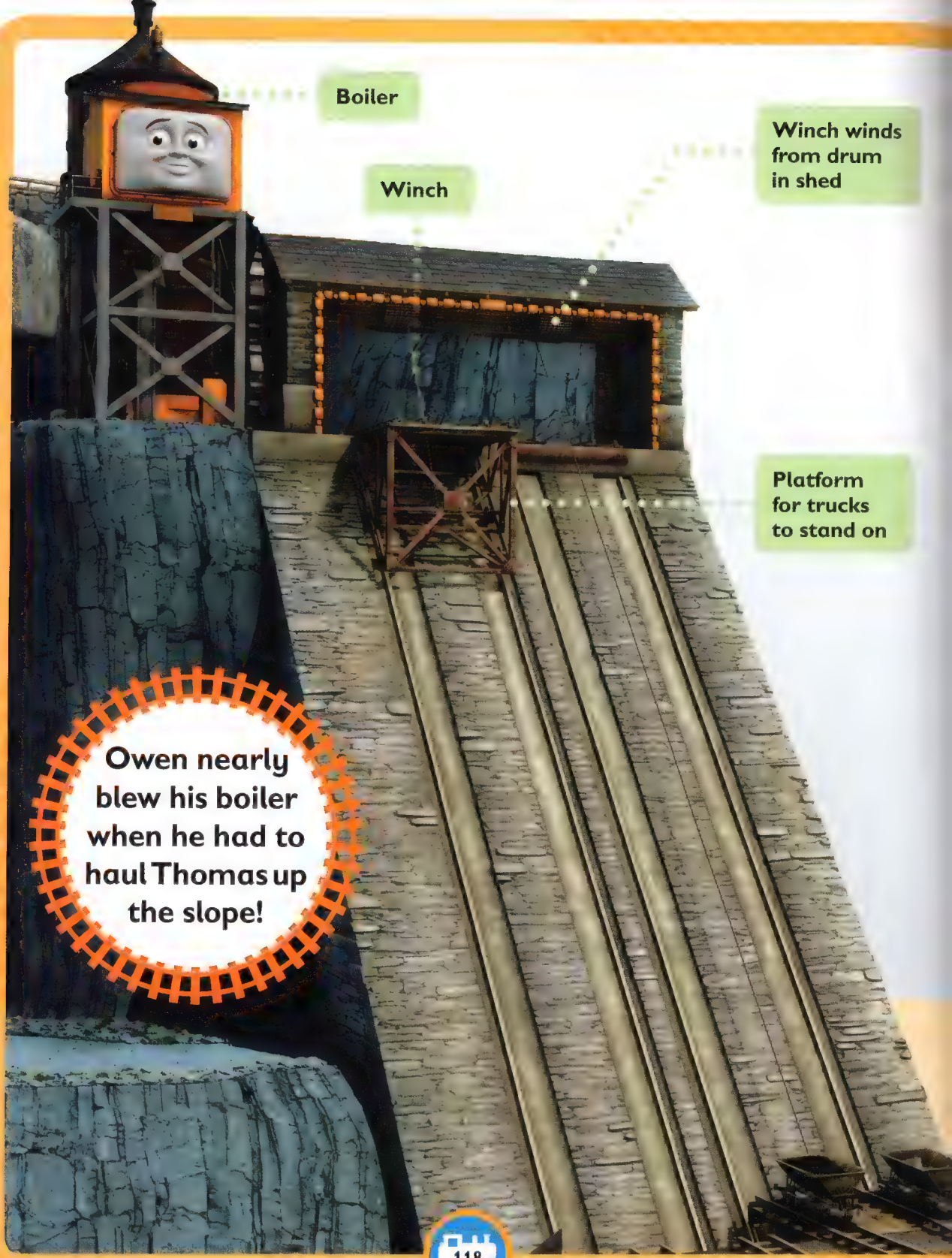
Role: Helping to fix broken engines

Home: Sodor Steamworks

Works with: Victor

FUN FACT!
Kevin always refers to Victor as "boss."

"Sorry boss, slip of the hook!"



Owen nearly blew his boiler when he had to haul Thomas up the slope!

OWEN

The enthusiastic elevator

Traction engine Owen has an unusual job. He moves trucks up and down the slope at Blue Mountain Quarry. Lively Owen faces each job with cheery enthusiasm.

FUN FACT!

Owen loudly announces each stop on the slope.

FACT FILE

Role: Lifting and lowering trucks

Home: Blue Mountain Quarry

Works with: Narrow Gauge Engines

View from the top

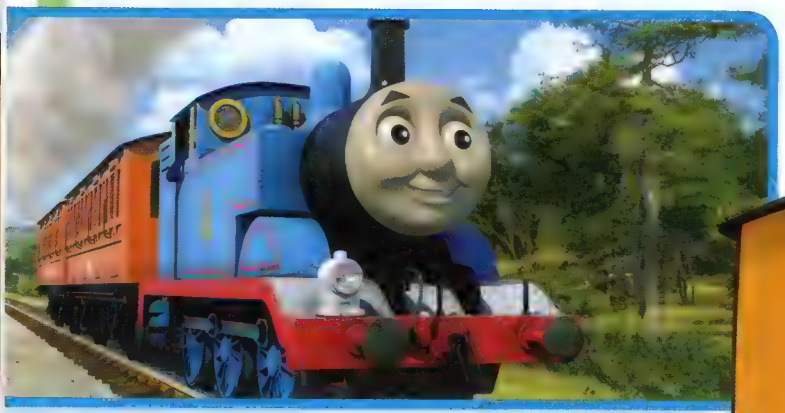
Perched high atop the Quarry, Owen sees all that goes on below. He is usually the first to spot anything unusual.

"Going up! Next stop—the top of the hill!"

ANNIE AND CLARABEL

Friendly and faithful coaches

Annie and Clarabel help Thomas carry passengers. They are the best of friends and agree on almost everything.



Steam team

Thomas loves Annie and Clarabel very much. He worries when other engines are sent to pull them.

Annie faces forward

Annie attaches to Thomas

DID YOU KNOW?

Old train carriages often had wooden fittings and benches. Large windows gave a nice view!

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying passengers and goods

Home: Thomas' Branch Line

Like: Engines that treat them gently

FUN FACT!
Thomas, Annie, and Clarabel sing to one another as they work.

"We're coming along! We're coming along!"

This pair care about everyone on the Railway, but can also be stern.

FUN FACT!

Sir Topham Hatt saved Henrietta from being used as a henhouse.

Curved roof

Sliding windows let in fresh air

Balcony for train staff only

DID YOU KNOW?

Coaches are divided into different classes. First-class coaches are the fanciest.

HENRIETTA

A loyal old coach

Henrietta has been Toby's coach since before they came to Sodor. She reassures Toby when he feels worried about things and cheers him on when things go well.

FACT FILE

Role: Toby's coach

Home: The Quarry Line

Works with: Toby

Likes: Being full of passengers

When Toby is away, Henrietta is usually pulled by Percy.

"Hip, hip hooray!"

All aboard!
Henrietta is a hard worker. She enjoys helping Toby carry workers to and from the Quarry.

FUN FACT!
The trucks try to distract engines by singing loudly.

Sides are seven planks high

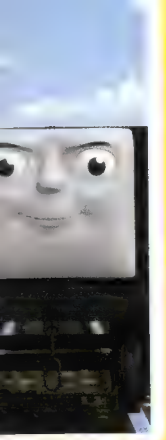
Mischievous expression

Dull gray paint job

Four dirty gray wheels

DID YOU KNOW?

The trucks are based on a variety of British Rail open wagons.



TROUBLESOME TRUCKS

Naughty, no-good goods wagons

Engines that pull these trucks will be bumped and bashed all the way. The more trouble the trucks cause, the more fun they have.

> **“We like causing confusion and delay!”**

The trucks chatter and snigger to each other all the time.

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying coal and stone

Work with: All the freight engines

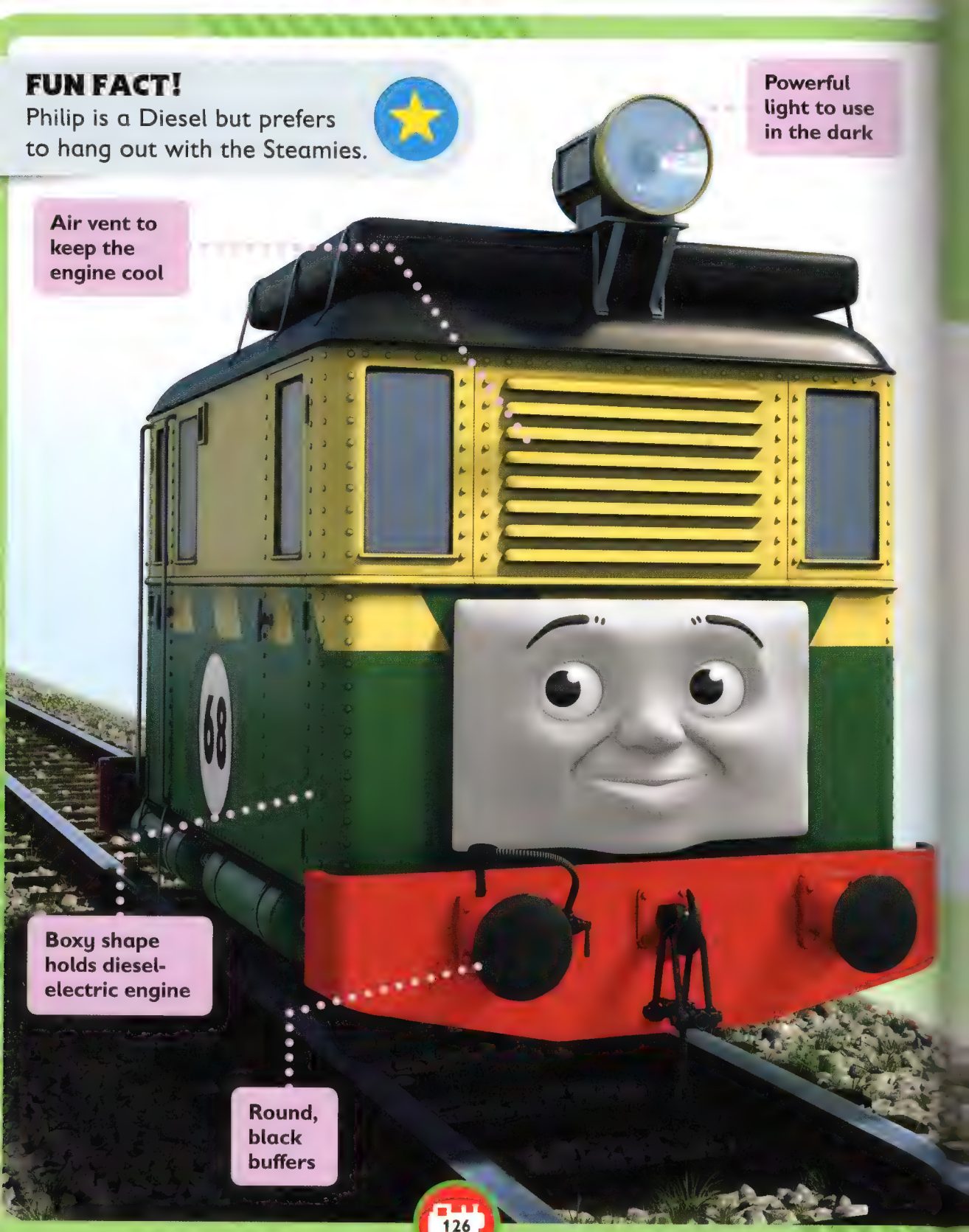
Like: Delays and derailments

Push and shove

When Thomas pulled the trucks, they shoved him downhill so fast he nearly crashed. They thought it was very funny!

FUN FACT!

Philip is a Diesel but prefers to hang out with the Steamies.



PHILIP

The confident little boxcab

Philip is small, but he's big on self-confidence. He is so eager to show off that he sometimes forgets about important things—like red signals!

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting trucks

Home: Knapford Station

Likes: Racing around Sodor

Philip helps to shunt the trucks into place at the station.

"You can do anything you want to!"

Team mascot

At the Great Railway Show, Philip was proud to be chosen to carry the flag for Sodor's team.

STAFFORD

The electric shunting engine

Stafford is a shunter who runs on batteries. He's helpful and humorous, but he dislikes being ignored—especially when he's warning that his batteries are running low.

Flat batteries

When Stafford first arrived, Spencer gave him a tour of Sodor. Stafford's batteries ran out three times on the way!

FACT FILE

Role: Shunting

Home: Wherever he is needed (batteries permitting!)

Likes: That freshly charged feeling

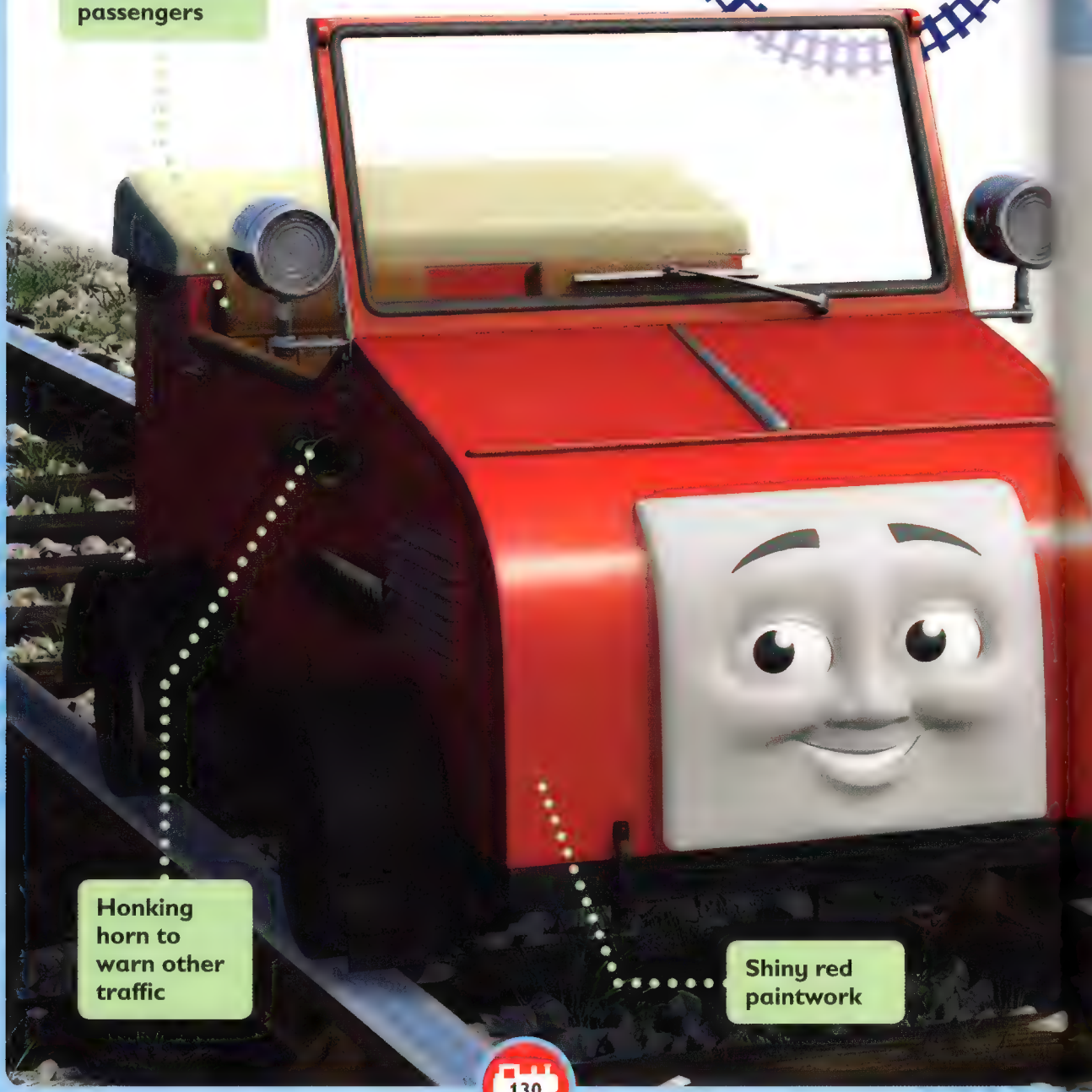
Being a bit different does not worry cheery Stafford.

"I'm quiet Stafford, the electric engine!"

FUN FACT!
Stafford once tried to puff like a steam engine.

FUN FACT!
Sir Topham Hatt once dressed Winston up as Santa's sleigh!

Winston looks like an ordinary car, but he can drive on rails.



WINSTON

Trusty track inspection car

Winston helps Sir Topham Hatt keep an eye on all the engines on his Railway. Winston always has a smile on his face and a kind word for his friends.

Bumpy ride

Winston never complains about Sir Topham Hatt's terrible driving skills. He just reminds him to brake!

"Sometimes I wish I could go off without a driver . . ."

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying Sir Topham Hatt

Home: Sodor Railway

Likes: Being friends with everyone

SKIFF

The little boat with wheels

Skiff is a railboat—a boat that has been fitted with rail wheels. He can travel on rail or water. Cheery Skiff gives tours of Arlesburgh Harbor with Captain Joe.

Wind power

Skiff does not need oars when he travels by rail. Not if he has the wind in his sail to keep him moving!

Skiff's captain is named Joe. Joe is also the lighthouse keeper.

DID YOU KNOW?

Skiff is based on an Eastport Pram, a small wooden dinghy that can be sailed by one person.

FUN FACT!
Skiff has always wanted to see a real mermaid.

Sailor John

Skiff's first owner, Sailor John, tried to make Skiff steal treasure. Sailor John was put in jail!

FACT FILE

Role: Giving railboat tours

Home: Arlesburgh Harbor

Works with: Captain Joe

FUN FACT!

The pair say the Steelworks is "the hottest place in town"!

These friendly faces actually meant trouble for Thomas!

FACT FILE

Role: Moving loads of molten metal

Home: The Steelworks

Like: Having a little help

Steam dome

Hurricane has large smoke deflectors

FRANKIE AND HURRICANE

Steelworkers from beyond Sodor

This pair gave Thomas a warm welcome to the Mainland. They wanted to keep him working in the Steelworks with them.

Doors to access diesel engine

Initials of Manchester Ship Canal

Tough trains

Frankie and Hurricane tried to stop Thomas from getting home. They wanted him to do their jobs for them.

Frankie's number is on her buffer beam

EXPERIMENTAL ENGINES

Not the average engines

When Thomas met these friendly engines on the Mainland, he learned that being a little different can be a good thing!

"I'm such a good hider!"

MERLIN

Merlin believes he can become invisible anytime he wants, but he's just fooling himself! Big, bold Merlin, with his scarlet buffer beam, is easily seen wherever he goes.

Three stovepipe chimneys

Curved side panels deflect smoke

Great big cogs turn his wheels

FUN FACT!
An unusual drive system is responsible for Theo's jolts.

THEO

Theo jolts and jams. He is very shy and his blunt speaking can seem rude. Underneath, he is a kind and smart little traction engine. It just takes time to get to know him.

LEXI

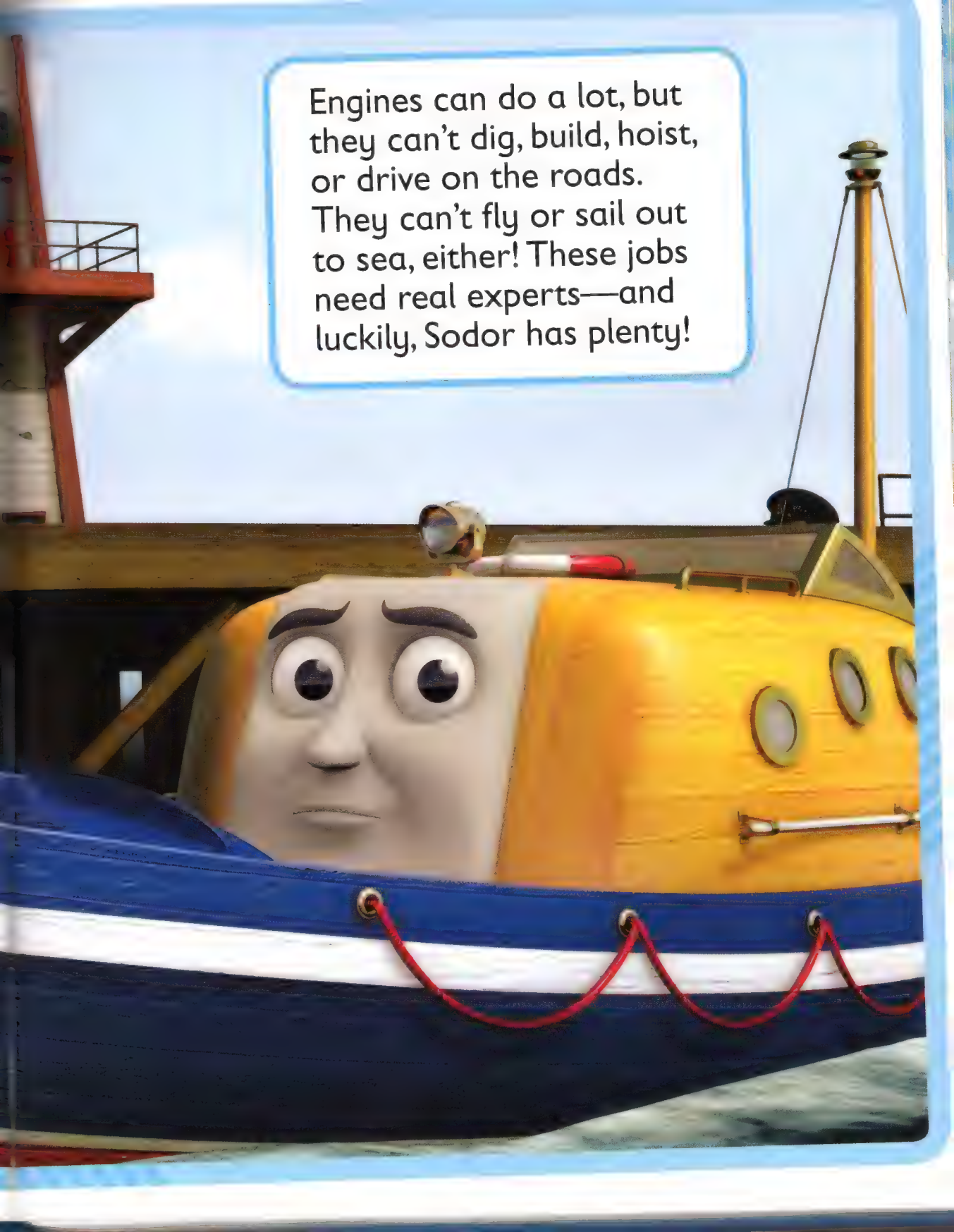
Lexi is always changing! She loves to try out different voices and personalities. Lexi knows she looks unusual, and worries that she might be "un-useful" too.

Unusual steam cylinder

Rusted turquoise paint

Topsy-turvy Lexi's cab is in front of her funnel.

OFF THE TRACKS



Engines can do a lot, but they can't dig, build, hoist, or drive on the roads. They can't fly or sail out to sea, either! These jobs need real experts—and luckily, Sodor has plenty!

FUN FACT!
Bertie raced with Thomas and lost—by just a few seconds!

Waiting for engines who are late makes Bertie very grumpy.

Very important bus

When the Duke and Duchess of Boxford traveled on Bertie, he felt very special—until he got a flat tire!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bertie is based on a traditional British single-decker bus.

BERTIE

The bus who loves to help

Bertie the Bus is a big help to the engines. He makes sure passengers get to the station on time. All he asks in return is that the engines admit roads are as useful as rails!

Shiny scarlet paint job

Passengers board at the front

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying passengers by road

Works with: All the engines

Dislikes: Getting stuck at traffic lights

"Vroom vroom!"

TREVOR

A traditional traction engine

Trevor has worked on Sodor's farms for many years. The Vicar of Wellsworth saved him from being scrapped. Now Trevor works with Jem Cole on a farm by the tracks.

Clever Trevor
Trevor used his winch to rescue a cow when it got stuck under a bridge.

"I always finish the job–I've never broken down!"

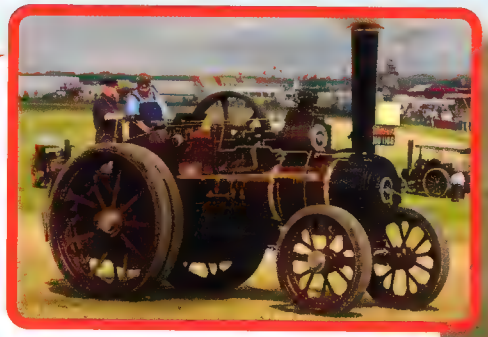
FACT FILE

Role: Farmyard engine

Home: An orchard in Wellsworth

Likes: Feeling Really Useful again

DID YOU KNOW?



Traction engines are old farm vehicles powered by steam.

FUN FACT!
Trevor was the star of a local charity garden party.

Trevor loves children and lets them ride on him.

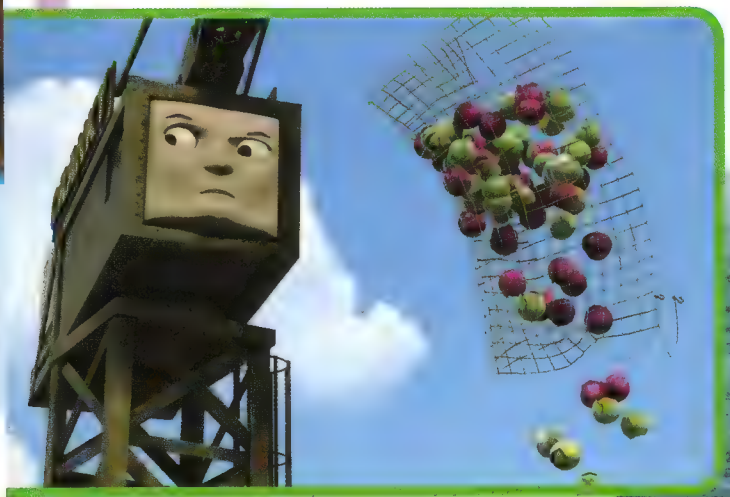
CRANKY

The high and mighty crane

Cranky is a bad-tempered crane who looms over Brendam Docks. Although he looks tough and is sometimes rude to the engines, Cranky has a kind side, too.

FUN FACT!
Cranky annoyed Thomas by calling him "Tiny Thomas"!

Cranky gets teased by the other engines when he is rude.



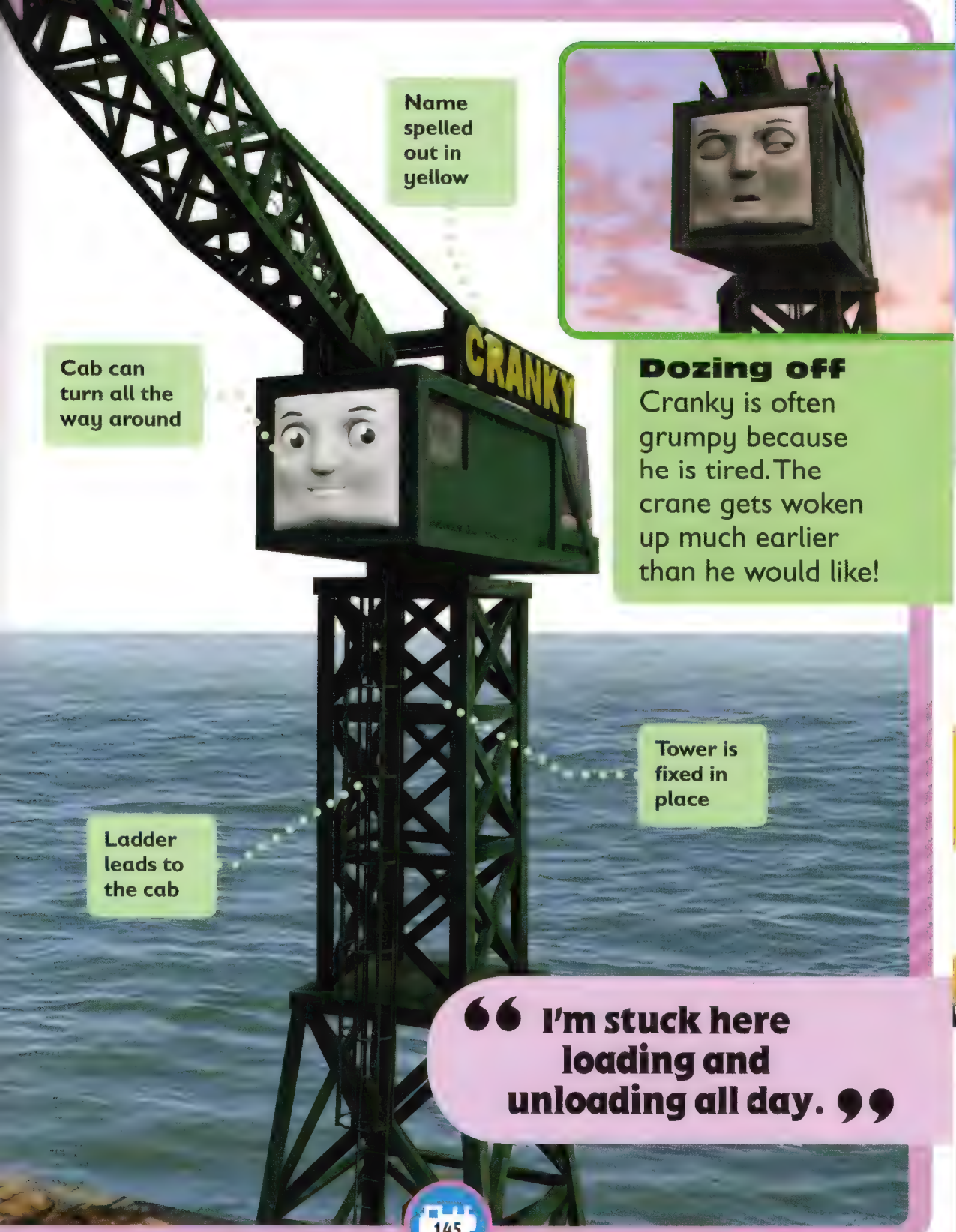
Dropping off
Cranky loads cargo onto ships. He often boasts how light the loads are. Then he drops them!

FACT FILE

Role: Loading and unloading cargo

Home: Brendam Docks

Dislikes: Listening to Salty's stories



Name spelled out in yellow

Cab can turn all the way around

Tower is fixed in place

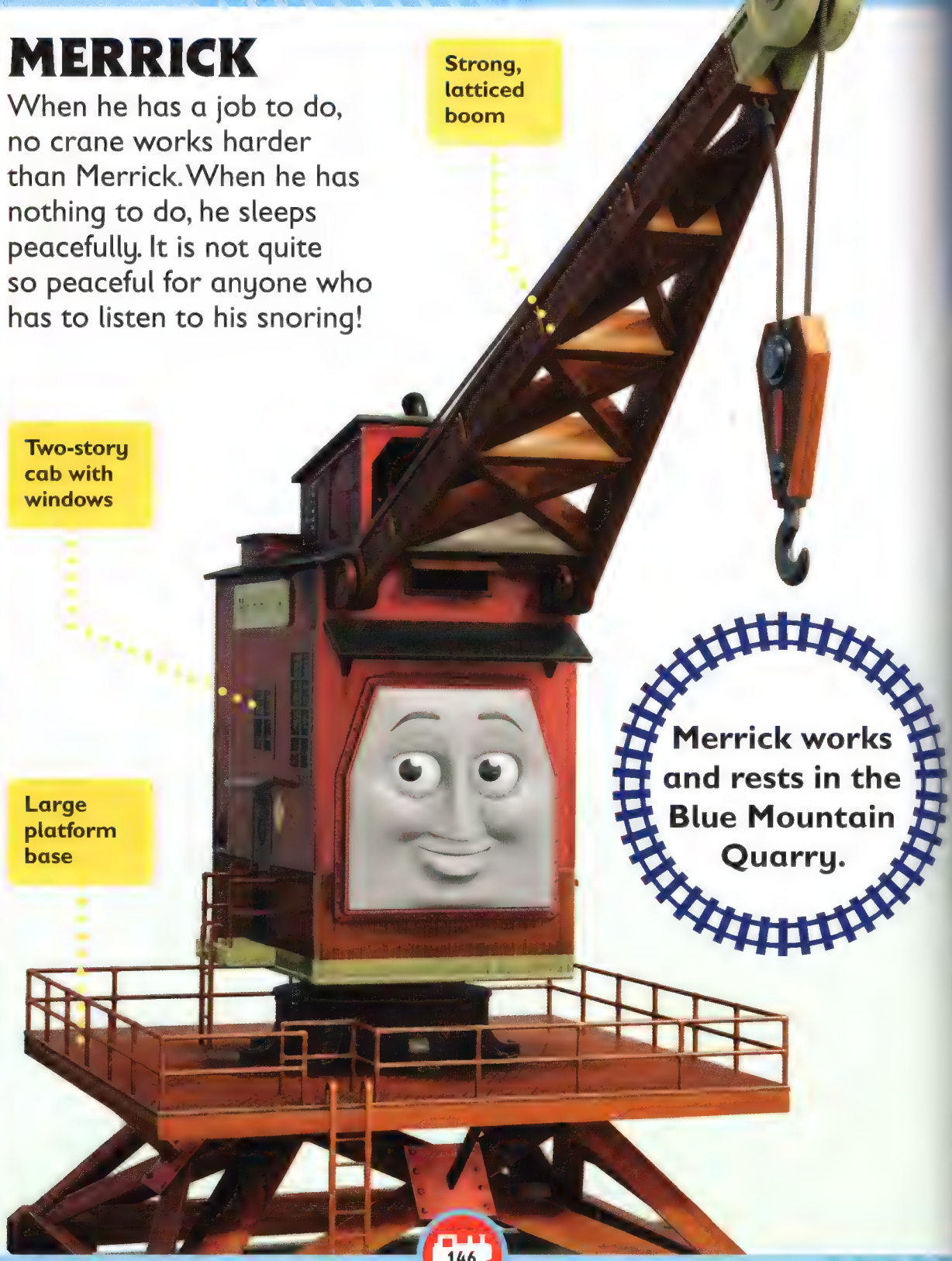
Ladder leads to the cab

Dozing off
Cranky is often grumpy because he is tired. The crane gets woken up much earlier than he would like!

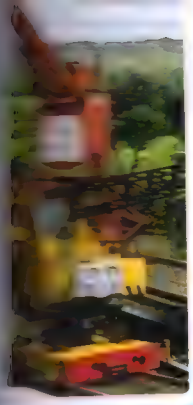
“I'm stuck here loading and unloading all day.”

MERRICK

When he has a job to do, no crane works harder than Merrick. When he has nothing to do, he sleeps peacefully. It is not quite so peaceful for anyone who has to listen to his snoring!



Merrick works and rests in the Blue Mountain Quarry.



CRANES

Sodor's lifters and shifters

In quarries, mines, and yards across Sodor, cranes are hard at work. These tough machines lift, shift, and hoist until the job is done.

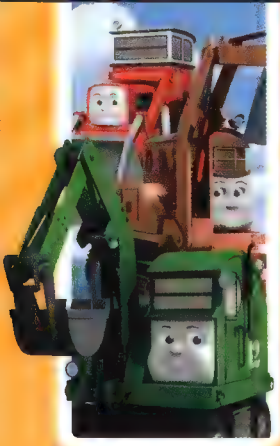
Long, latticed jib section

FUN FACT!
Reg speaks in a London accent known as "cockney."

REG

Reg is a chirpy Londoner. His job is loading scrap into trucks going to the Scrap Yard. Reg finds scrap beautiful. He even makes his holiday decorations from it.

Grappling hook on hoist



CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES

Sodor Construction Company

Building and demolishing are what the vehicles of Sodor Construction Company do. They do it really well!

ALFIE

Alfie the Excavator digs digging, and he doesn't care how dirty he gets. He once fell into a mud-filled hole, but even that wasn't too dirty for him. He came up smiling!

The company is also known as Packard and Co.

Tiny Alfie has a tiny bucket

"More dirt means more fun!"

Alfie likes to spin on his wheels

Light green cab roof

Tracks to travel over mud

FUN FACT!
Nobody has ever heard Oliver whine about a job.

OLIVER

Old Oliver has years of experience. He can switch from bucket to wrecking ball to claw in moments. If younger excavators need advice, they go straight to Oliver.

JACK

Jack really wants to be useful, but sometimes tries too hard. The fearless frontloader once fell off a ledge because his load was too heavy. He has even held up broken bridges and tracks for Thomas!

Exhaust pipe

Scoop for dirt, snow, or stones

FUN FACT!
Max and Monty are afraid of bulls and one-eyed engines!

FACT FILE

Role: Taking waste to the Dump

Work with: Each other

Like: Racing each other, and Thomas

Tilting hydraulic dump bed

Max is the number 15 truck

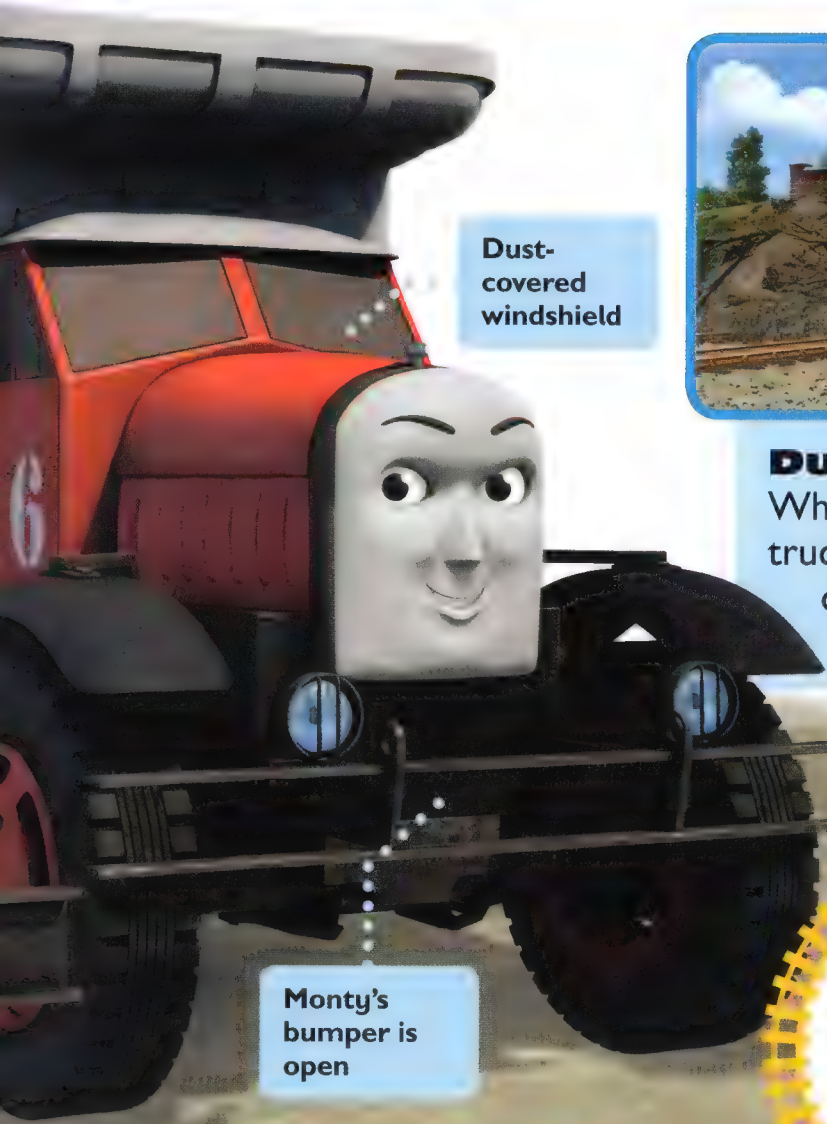
DID YOU KNOW?

The twins are based on large dump trucks from the 1950s.

MONTY AND MAX

Dirty, devious dump trucks

Twin brothers Max and Monty are a truckload of trouble. They drive too fast and leave garbage where they shouldn't. They make more mess than they clear!



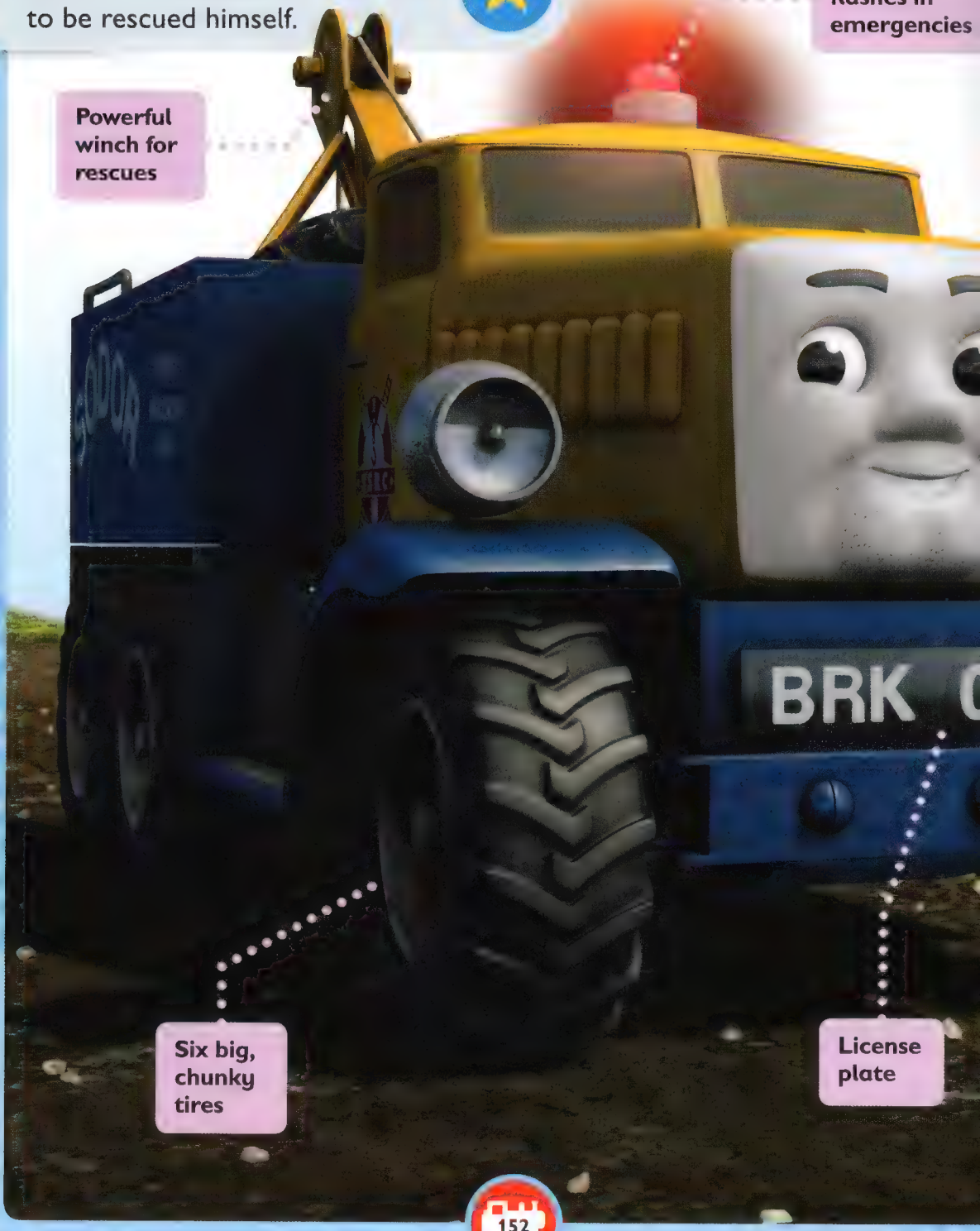
Dump chumps

When the thoughtless trucks dumped rubble off a bridge, Thomas' line got blocked.

The teasing twins have a reputation for insulting other engines.

FUN FACT!

Butch once broke down and had to be rescued himself.



BUTCH

The heavyweight rescue truck

Butch is a big, beefy rescue truck who loves a challenge. He'll try pulling even the heaviest broken-down road vehicles! For extra pulling power, Butch has a magnet on his towing arm.

"Ready for action!"

FACT FILE

Role: Demolishing, clearing, and towing

Works with: The Sodor Search and Rescue team

Likes: Weightlifting

Road rescue

Engines need Butch, too. Thomas learned this when he derailed so badly he nearly ended up on the road! That was a job for Butch.

A gentle giant, Butch is as kind as he is strong.

Twin water cannons
Long, yellow ladder
Bright silver lamp
Front winch for towing vehicles

FLYNN

Raring to rescue!

Flynn is Sodor's second fire engine. Fearless and fast, Flynn has a very special skill. He is one of the few vehicles in Sodor who can run on either road or rail.

FACT FILE

Role: Keeping Sodor safe

Works with: Two firefighters

Likes: Getting to a fire first

FUN FACT!

Flynn used his water jets to cool a stranded whale!

Safety in Sodor

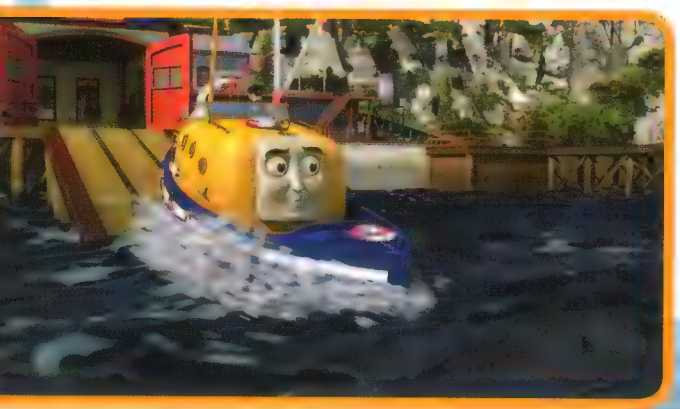
Flynn works at the Sodor Search and Rescue Center. His team patrols the Island's rails, roads, sea, and sky.

Flexible Flynn reaches fires that fellow fire engine Belle can't.

CAPTAIN

Sodor's brave lifeboat

No matter what happens, you can count on Captain to keep calm in a crisis. He's always at the ready, prepared to rush to the rescue if there's an emergency at sea.



Captain is part of the Sodor Search and Rescue team.

Rapid response

When he is needed, Captain slides down the slipway from his lifeboat shed, straight into the sea.

"Full steam ahead!"

Lifebelt for emergencies

DID YOU KNOW?

Lifeboats like Captain have an engine but also masts and sails. This is in case of engine failure.

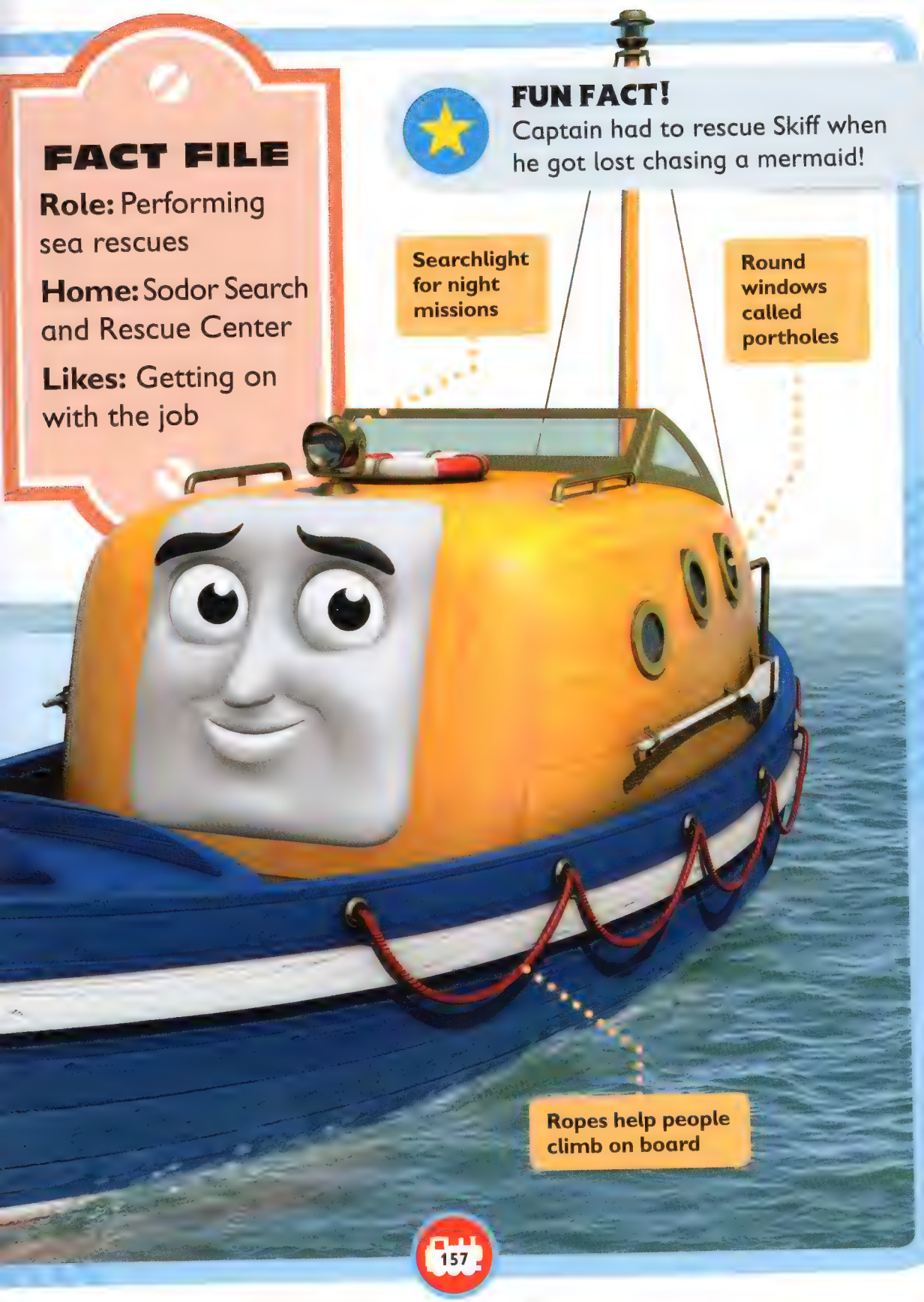
FACT FILE

Role: Performing sea rescues

Home: Sodor Search and Rescue Center

Likes: Getting on with the job

FUN FACT!
Captain had to rescue Skiff when he got lost chasing a mermaid!



FUN FACT!
Harold once rescued an elephant from the rail tracks.

Blades keep Harold in the air

FACT FILE

Role: Carrying out rescue missions

Home: Sodor Search and Rescue Center

Likes: Helping Percy deliver mail

Lights for late-night missions

Wheels for landing on a runway

HAROLD

Search and rescue helicopter

Harold is part of Sodor's Search and Rescue team. Whenever there's an emergency, this brave little chopper flies into danger to rescue his friends.

Floats for landing on water

VIP rescue

Harold came to Skiff and Sir Topham Hatt's rescue after they got stuck on the beach.

"I'll fly to the rescue as fast as I can!"

When Harold challenged Percy to a race, Harold lost!

DISTANT FRIENDS

Sodor's engines have welcomed many visitors from around the world. They made even more friends when contestants for the Great Railway Show came to town. May the best engine win!

TOWN

GATOR

The alligator lookalike

Gator was mistaken for an alligator when he first arrived on the Island. Percy was terrified! Luckily, friendly Gator is only hungry for adventure.

Be brave!

Gator and Percy soon made friends. Percy tried to run away with Gator on a boat. Gator told him to be brave and face his fears instead.

FACT FILE

Role: Helping others during his visits to Sodor

Home: Colombian mountains

Likes: Travel and adventure

Gator comes from Colombia in South America.

"I'm sorry if I gave you a fright!"

FUN FACT!
Gator is only a nickname. His real name is Gerald.

HUGO

High-speed passenger train

Newcomer Hugo looks like an airship, and goes so fast he almost seems to be flying! Silver paint and a huge propeller give this German engine a very futuristic look.

The future is Hugo
The arrival of Hugo caused a stir. A rumor went around that fast new engines like him would replace all the others.

“This is all very friendly, very friendly indeed!”

FACT FILE

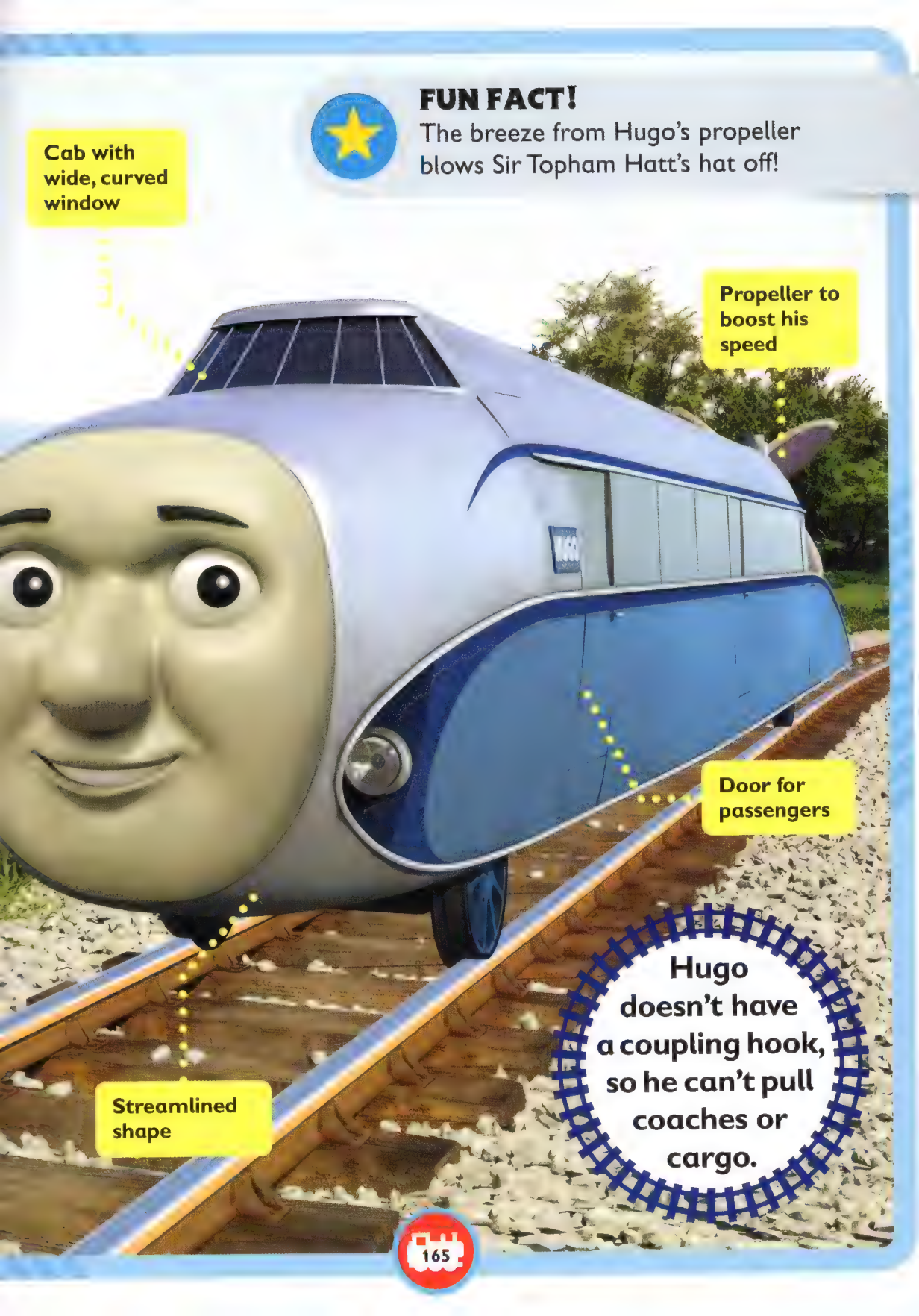
Role: Carrying passengers

Works with: His Driver, Franz

Likes: Breaking the rail speed record

DID YOU KNOW?

Hugo is based on the Schienenzeppelin, built in 1930. It still holds a world record for rail speed.



FUN FACT!
The breeze from Hugo's propeller blows Sir Topham Hatt's hat off!

Hugo doesn't have a coupling hook, so he can't pull coaches or cargo.

ASHIMA

The fearless mountain engine

Ashima is from India, where she works on steep and dangerous mountain tracks. She has beautiful decorations, but would rather shunt than show off!

“You don’t have to try, just be who you are.”

Hand-painted decorations

Gentle advisor

Thomas wanted a bright paint job like Ashima’s but ended up a spattered mess. Ashima gently told him “be yourself.”

FACT FILE

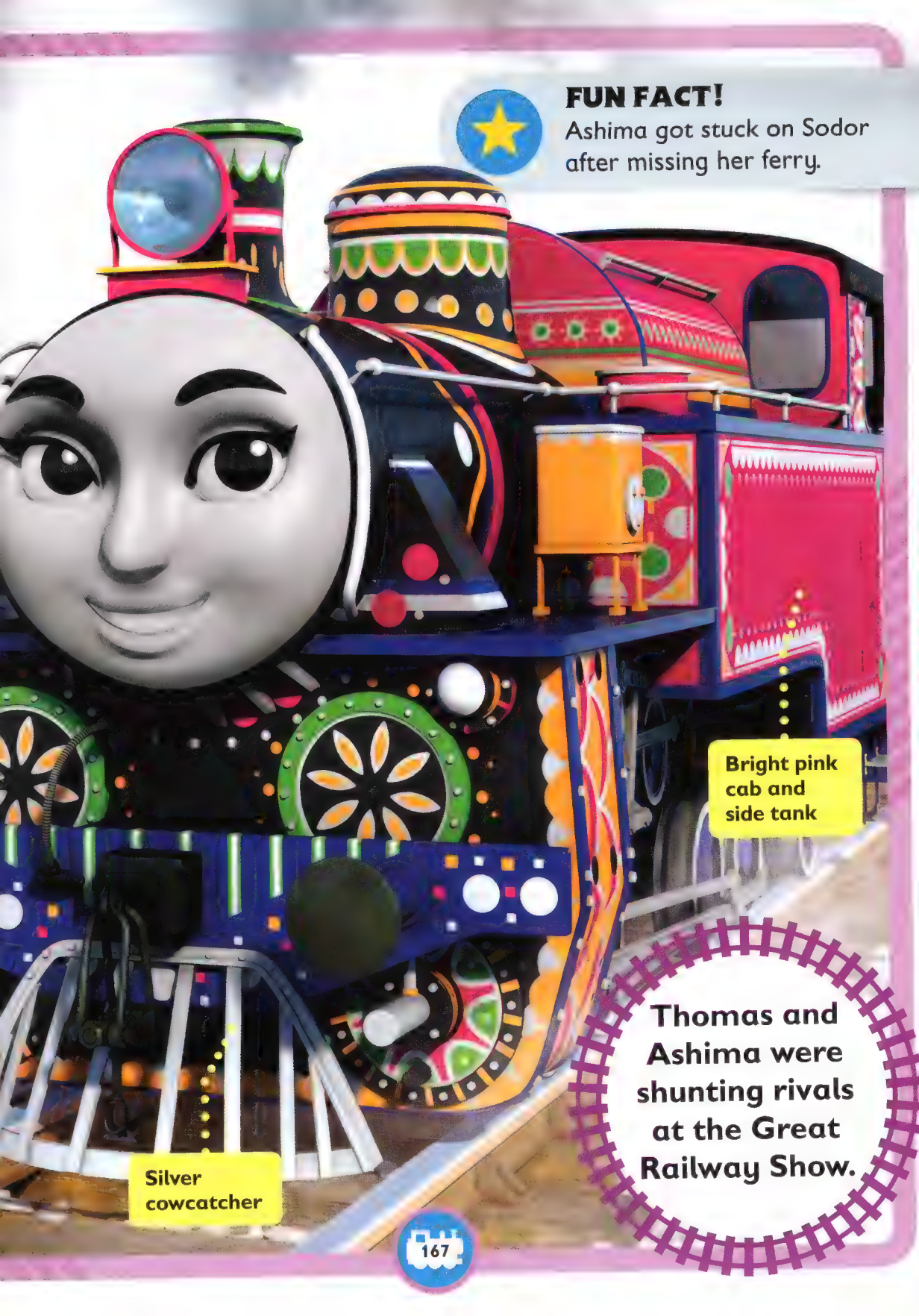
Role: Carrying passengers

Home: Nilgiri Mountain Railway

Likes: Being a good friend

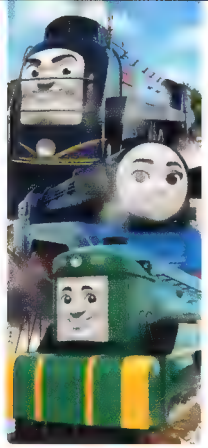
DID YOU KNOW?

Ashima is based on a train that ran in Southern India but was built in Switzerland.



FUN FACT!
Ashima got stuck on Sodor after missing her ferry.

Thomas and Ashima were shunting rivals at the Great Railway Show.



STRONGEST ENGINE RACE

It's all about the power

This load-pulling race is for the big boys and girls! Only powerhouse engines can take the strain without busting a boiler.

"You'd better watch where you're going."

Grille bars protect his face

VINNIE

Big, brash Vinnie is not very popular. This North American engine cheats, and everyone knows it! He'll happily bend the rules (and his rivals' buffers) if it will help him to win.

FUN FACT!

Shane is nicknamed the "Whistling Tank" because of the noise his steam vent makes.

SHANE

G'day! Shane is a big, breezy engine who comes all the way from Australia. Shane's easy nature has won him many friends. He hopes he can win the race, too.

Entrants must race while pulling flatbeds laden with bricks.

FRIEDA

Watch out, boys! Lively Frieda has traveled from Germany, bringing a pistonful of girl power. Will no-nonsense Frieda go all out to win? Definitely!

THE GREAT RACE

A race for the fastest of the fast

The Great Race is an exciting event at the Great Railway Show. It is for the fastest engines only! Ready . . . get set . . . go!

"Pan" takes power from cable above

ETIENNE

Etienne brings a touch of French style to the tracks. With a twirl of his mustache and a crackle of his electric cable, elegant Etienne crosses the line in first place. Bravo!

Etienne doesn't just win. He sets a new rail speed record!

Colored the same as the French flag

Not one, but two numbers!

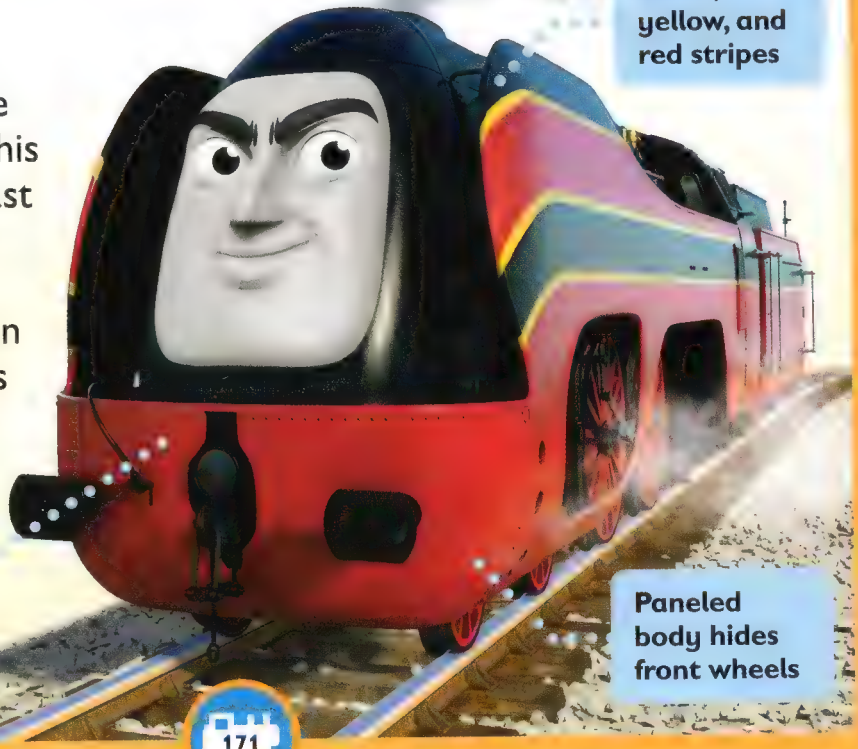
THE FLYING SCOTSMAN

The Flying Scotsman is famous. He was the first engine in history to run at 100 miles per hour. He doesn't win the race, because he slows down to help out his brother, Gordon.

FUN FACT!
Gordon is secretly jealous of his brother's fame.

AXEL

Axel is from Belgium and is colored like the Belgian flag. Despite his sleek shape, Axel is last for much of the race. After the Flying Scotsman and Gordon slow down, Axel ends up taking third place.



SHUNTING RACE

The pushiest takes the prize

At the Great Railway Show, five engines line up for the Shunting Challenge. Which one will win the race to push wagons together to form trains? Buffers at the ready!

RAUL

Raul is a tough little Brazilian engine with a positive attitude and a cheery wink. Raul has won the race before. He proves that being small shouldn't stop you from thinking big.

Unusual vertical boiler

Winning depends on speed, power, and changing tracks quickly.

Rails around the walkway

Bar pushes debris off the track

FUN FACT!
A pylon falls onto Vinnie after he interrupts the race!

IVAN

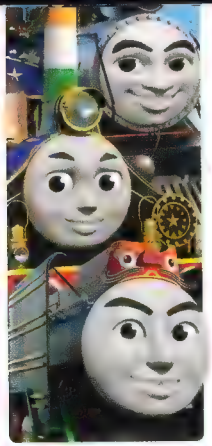
Ivan of Russia is a diesel engine with strong pistons and a strong personality. Don't be scared by Ivan's serious looks—they hide a great sense of humor.

GINA

A stylish Italian, Gina is out to prove that petite can be powerful. Unfortunately, Gina's race is wrecked when Vinnie smashes into her wagons and derails them.

Neat, compact green tank

Final five
Thomas and Ashima share victory in the Shunting Challenge. Thomas is competitive at first, but soon realizes he can make a new friend instead.



CREATIVE CONTESTANTS

Best Decorated Engine Parade

No subtle shades for this colorful crew! They are contestants in the Best Decorated Engine Parade at the Great Railway Show.

FUN FACT!
Rajiv always wears a crown. It isn't a prize for winning.

RAJIV

The winner! Rajiv is pistons down the brightest, shiniest, and sparkliest of the bunch. He even has his funnel painted in the colors of the Indian flag—green, white, and orange.

Traditional Indian designs

Glittery, decorative garlands

Perfectly polished lamp

CARLOS

This handsome Mexican engine has pristine paintwork and sparkling silver details. He won the strength contest at the first ever Great Railway Show many years ago.

Sleek black and silver paintwork

YONG BAO

Yong Bao received his red paint as a reward for preventing an accident. Red is the color of celebration in China, where this brave engine comes from.

Dragon-face decoration

Bright red cowcatcher

Yong Bao has a splendid tiger painted on his tender!

GLOSSARY

Boiler
The part of a steam engine where water is heated to produce steam.

Brake
The device that slows a vehicle down.

Brake van
A special car at the back of a train that provides braking power.

Buffer
A device that reduces the impact when rail vehicles come together.

Cab
The control room of a train where the crew work.

Coach
A passenger-carrying rail vehicle (also known as a carriage).

Coupling hook
A curved hook used to connect rail vehicles together.

Class
A group of engines with the same design.

Cowcatcher
A grid on the front of a train to clear objects off the track.

Cylinder
A chamber in which a piston moves to produce power that goes to the wheels.

Diesel engine
A locomotive powered by diesel fuel ignited by compressed air.

Engine
The power source of a train.

Funnel
The opening in the smokebox that steam escapes from.

Gauge
The inside distance between the rails on a track.

Livery
The colors and design of a train.

Mainline
An important railway line.

Piston
A device that moves back and forth inside a cylinder to create power.

Saddle tank
An engine that has the water tank on top of the boiler.

Shunter
A vehicle used for moving trucks or wagons around in a yard.

Siding
A section of track used for storing vehicles.

Signal
A fixed unit with a light or arm that tells trains when to stop or go.

Smokebox
The part of the boiler that houses the main steam pipes and funnel.

Steam dome
A barrel on top of a boiler where steam collects and is directed to the cylinders.

Steam engine
A train or other vehicle that uses steam—a product of boiling hot water—for power.

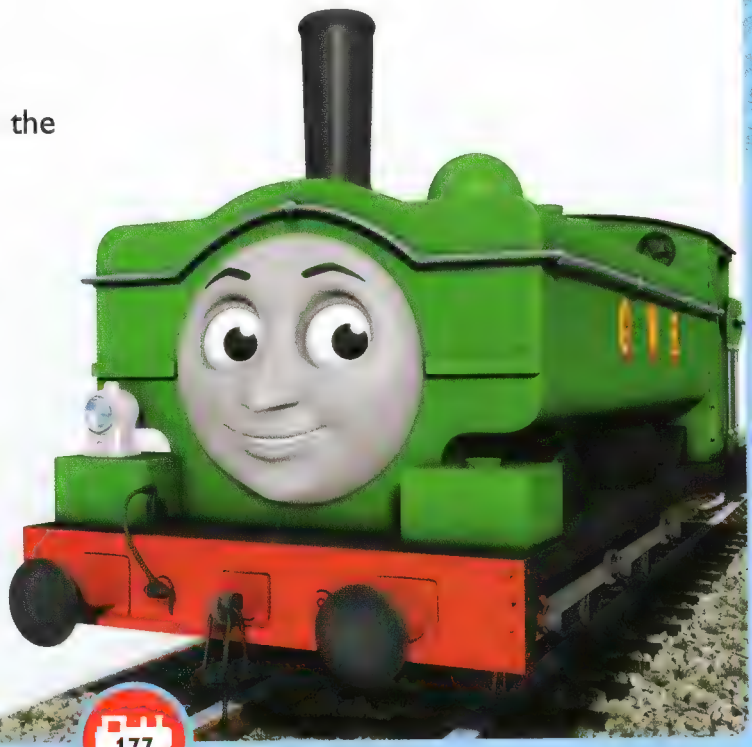
Tank engine
A steam engine that carries its fuel and water in tanks alongside the boiler.

Track
The rails and ground that an engine's wheels run on.

Truck
A small rail wagon.

Wagon
A rail vehicle that carries freight.

Yard
An area used for storing, sorting, loading, and unloading vehicles.



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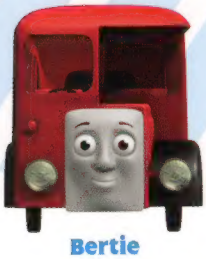
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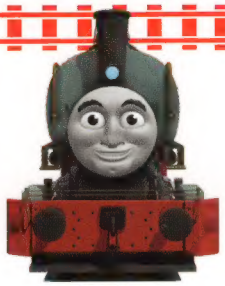
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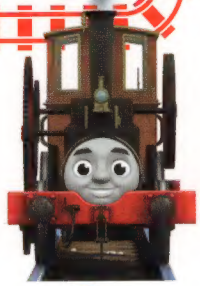
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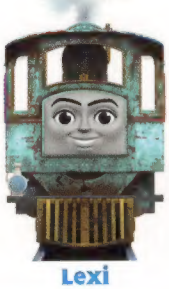
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